

Cass County 4-H Clover Connection

November 2024



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Griswold Clubsters



2024 Fall Fest

Pymosa

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Upcoming Dates - Mark your Calendar

November:

- 1 - CyDay & 4-H Enrollment Friday Party 10am-4pm Cass Extension Office
- 1 – Early 4-H & Clover Kid Enrollment Incentive. Enroll before midnight!
- 1 – New 4-H year forms are due on or before 4:30pm from Club Leaders
- 4 - RSVP For 4-H Club Officer Training November 6th!**
- 6– 4-H Club Officer Training 6-7:30pm Cass County Community Center
- 7 – Fairboard 7:00pm
- 10 – County Convention, 12:30pm light meal; awards to follow at 1:30pm
- 10 - Bring Toy Drive items to County Convention!
- 13 – Griswold Library Afterschool Program - Sound all Around
- 13 – Anita Library Afterschool Program - Sound all Around
- 21 - RSVP For 4-H Club Officer Training November 24th!**
- 24– 4-H Club Officer Training 2-3:30pm Cass County Community Center
- 28-29 - Happy Holidays, Office is CLOSED

December:

- 5 - Fairboard 7:00pm
- 11 – Griswold Library Afterschool Program - Wind
- 18 – Anita Library Afterschool Program - Wind
- 21- Beef Weigh-in 8-12pm Cass County Fairgrounds
- 22 - SOFA Planning Committee 1pm at Cass County Extension
- 24-25 - Happy Holidays, Office is CLOSED
- 26 - Register for Mammals R' Us Winter Day Camp January 2nd**

January:

- 1 - Happy Holidays, Office is CLOSED
- 2 – Mammals R' Us Winter Day Camp for K-3rd graders. Cass County Community Building 9am-12pm OR 1pm-4pm. Register online or in person
- 2 - Fairboard 7:00pm
- 8 – Griswold Library Afterschool Program - Light
- 15 – Anita Library Afterschool Program - Light
- 26 - SOFA planning Committee Meeting 1pm at Adair County Extension
- 31 - Market Beef Identification Help 8am-4:30pm at Cass County Extension

February:

- 1 - Market Beef Identification due online to be eligible to exhibit Market animals 4-H or FFA at County or State Fair. Katie will not be available after 4:30pm Friday, January 31st. Make arrangements ahead of the deadline if you have questions or need help with the process. Refer to the hand outs provided at weigh-in for step by step instructions.



NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	
				DEADLINE	Cy Day & Enrollment Friday @ Cass County Extension 10am-4pm	
				Club Leader new program year forms due November 1st	Early Enrollment Incentive Deadline in 4-HOnline	DEADLINE
3	4	5	6	7	8	
	DEADLINE Register for Nov 6 Officer Training		4-H Club Officer Training 6-7:30pm Cass County Community Building	Fairboard @ 7pm		
10	11	12	13	14	15	1
County Convention Meal at 12:30pm award to follow at 1:30pm			Griswold Library Program afterschool			
17	18	19	20	21	22	2
			Anita Library Program afterschool	DEADLINE Register for Nov 24 Officer Training		
24	25	26	27	28	29	3
4-H Club Officer Training 2-3:30pm Cass County Community Building				Office Closed - Holiday	Office Closed - Holiday	

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Fairboard @ 7pm		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Griswold Library Program afterschool			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Anita Library Program afterschool			Beef Weigh-in 8-12pm Cass County Fairgrounds
22	23	24	25	DEADLINE 26	27	28
SOFA Planning Committee Meeting at Cass County Extension 1pm		Office Closed - Holiday	Office Closed - Holiday	Register for Mammals R'Us Winter Day Camp K-3rd grade Atlantic		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Office Closed - Holiday	Mammals R'Us Winter Day Camp 9am-12pm OR 1-4pm Cass County Community Building		

CyDay Friday



Join us at the Cass County Extension Office November 1st to celebrate ISU homecoming with CyDay Friday. This is also the deadline to enroll in 4-HOnline and be eligible for the drawing at county convention. Any active 4-H or Clover Kid members that come to the office November 1 will get to pick a prize out of the 4-H Swag bucket! Stop by the office to pick up a coloring sheet to participate in a coloring contest or download off our Facebook Page @CassCoIAExt. We will have trivia, food, and more Friday, November 1st from 10-4pm.

Officer Trainings

Club Officer Training will be held twice in November for members, club leaders, and parents to attend choose from. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to register, 712-243-1132! Want to get a head start? Officer resources are on our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/club-resources.

When: Wednesday, November 6th from 6:00-7:30pm OR Sunday, November 24th from 2:00pm-3:30pm. The trainings complete when break out sessions are done, some officer roles take longer than others, plan to arrive a half hour before training completion to sit in on break out officer sessions and pick up kids. Parents and Leaders are encouraged to attend break out sessions to learn about the roles they support.

Where: Cass County Community Center (both training dates)

Registration: Pre-registration is required for Officer Trainings to ensure we have the accurate number of material for each officer role prepared ahead of time 2 business days before the training (register on or before 4:30pm Monday November 4th or Thursday, November 21st please!). Call the office (712-243-1132) or email Katie (kbateman@iastate.edu) to register, leave your name, club, and officer role.

Who: Club Officers, (especially officers new to their role, and all treasurers) their parents, and club leaders.

Why: This is a great way to meet 4-Hers from across the county and learn the duties of your 4-H office so you can start the year off right! This can contribute to your record book goals, making yourself better in your leadership role. Even if you have been an officer before, this is a good refresher course to get updated information. This training will further explain and help you get set up for officer books to be completed for next year's county convention awards.

Treasurers: We are making a few changes to make the best better and easier for you in your role. Please have a representative from each club attend a training to ask questions about these updates. We also need the club financial document agreement on file with updated contact information of where to send monthly statements!

Set-up at County Convention

Each year we rotate clubs to help with set up and tear down for County Convention. This helps support the program and everyone who attends. Below are the clubs that are assigned to help out with the 2024 County Convention on November 10th.

Set up please arrive by 11:45am to set up tables and decorations to be completed by 12:15pm: **Pymosa**

Clean-up following the event: **Washington GEM**



Want to be more involved in Cass County 4-H?

Are you interested in continuing to make the best better and improve Cass County 4-H programming? Do you enjoy developing and sharing your leadership skills and experiences? YAC organizes county-wide activities such as banner club, fall fest, record book awards, county convention, and other county-wide events/meetings and reviews club t-shirt designs for uniform approval.

Parents, leaders, or youth members may join throughout the program year. **Reach out to Katie if you are interesting at kbateman@iastate.edu or 712-243-1132.**

Donate to Youth Council Toy Drive

The 2023-2024 Youth Council's final community service project is giving to Atlantic Police Departments "Family Dream Christmas" program. Youth Council is asking Cass County 4-H Families to help collect new toys and bring them to County Convention November 10th! Youth Council will deliver gifts to the Police Department. The highest need is for kids in the 11-15 age range but toys for all ages are accepted, unwrapped. For additional questions, reach out to a Youth Council Member or Katie at 712-243-1132.

2023-2024 County Convention

November 10, 2024 at 12:30PM we will have our Annual County Convention Ceremony! We will start the event with a light lunch, awards ceremony will begin at 1:30PM. This is a time to celebrate the previous year's accomplishments, recognize award winners and close out the year by enjoying time with your club and other 4-H members in the county. At this year's County Convention, recognition will be given to project and record book award winners and club leaders for reaching special milestones. A new Youth Council will be installed, and club awards will also be presented. This is an event you won't want to miss! We look forward to seeing you Sunday, November 10th at 12:30pm to celebrate 4-H at our 2024 County 4-H Awards Convention!

2024-2025 Program Year Enrollment

September marked the beginning of our new 4-H year, which means it is time to re-enroll and start thinking about which project areas you are interested in for next year. Remember all youth K-12 must re-enroll in 4-H Online **each year** to keep active 4-H or Clover Kid member status. Do this early in the year to stay in the loop for upcoming events!

We would like to have all returning members re-enrolled early to participate in activities. Again this year we will be offering some fun re-enrollment incentives for those that enroll before November 1st.

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and log in with your email and password. A quick link is also available on the Extension webpage. It is okay to select "reset password" option and the program will walk you through the steps of getting a new password. There are also good help sheets at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders>.

Please be sure and check your **correspondence preference for 4-H Newsletters**. You will need to select mail or email.

If you have any questions about or need assistance, call the Extension office, 712-243-1132.



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Beef Weigh-in

All market beef planning to exhibit at the 2025 Cass County Fair or Iowa State Fair must attend weigh-in. If you have your breeding heifer please bring her to beef weigh-in on December 21st to be tagged. If this date does not work for you, please contact the extension office to make other arrangements before calling other counties.

When: Saturday, December 21st from 8:00am-12:00pm. All trailers must be in line by noon.

Where: Cass County Fairgrounds

Cost: County Fair 4-H animals \$5/head for required EID Tag. Iowa State Fair Nominations are an additional \$5/head for retinal verification. FFA exhibitors should check with their advisor for any updates, cost or changes. Additional steps may be taken for FFA members to identify beef this year.

After weigh-in all 4-H Exhibitors need to identify their beef online before February 1st to be eligible to exhibit at County or State Fair. 4-H animals are identified in 4-HOnline and FFA animals are identified in FairEntry. If there is a chance you will exhibit as a breeding animal, add in the birthdate to the animal. Identifying it as as market animal with a birthdate it will be eligible for market or breeding classes at county fair.

4-H members **MUST** be enrolled in 4-HOnline before weigh-in. If you have questions about this, please contact the Extension Office.

Attending an Out of County Weigh-in: If you are planning on weighing in beef in another county you **MUST** get approval from the Cass County Extension Office before attending! If you don't have approval from the Cass County Extension Office your weigh-in information **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Breeding Heifers: All breeding heifers are required to have two forms of identification. They must have a tattoo then either a registration number or 4-H ear tag.

Beef Rules

Beef exhibitors, please review the rule changes on our website www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair. Changed are listed in RED for each department on the left hand side of the webpage find the link for Beef. Updates have been made to Identification deadlines for Cow/Calf and Feeder Calves (moved to May 15th this year). Also review the 4-H202 Guide for livestock show requirements and the Cass County 4-H Participation Policy for identification questions and clarification.

Updated sections of the fairbook will be posted as they become available. If you have questions, reach out to superintendent, a fairboard member, or Extension Staff.

Beef Superintendent: Holly Oathoudt

Beef Fairboard Contacts: Paul Hocamp and Cory Scholl

Junior Fair Board

The Cass County Fairboard is once again looking for Junior Fairboard members! The board has up to 5 spots to fill for youth age 16+. Interested parties can pick up an application at the extension office and return it by December 2nd by 4:30pm. Fairboard will review applications and be in contact with applicants after the December Fairboard meeting with next steps.



Community Service - Thanksgiving Meal

Holiday Baking company is hosting their 3rd annual Free Community Thanksgiving meal. Last year they served over 550 meals and this year are aiming for 650. They deliver to Wiota, Anita, Cumberland, Massena, Lewis, Griswold, Marne, Walnut, Elk Horn and Exira. They are asking 4-H clubs and or families to donate non-perishable food, or volunteer this year! Any type of pies are accepted, please contact Toni Pieken with a count and kind of donations on or before November 22nd. Pies can be dropped off on Wednesday, November 27th at 306 W 9th Street in Atlantic or to the Community Building on Thursday, November 28th before 10:00am. For more information reach out to Toni Pieken at 712-249-2231.

****This is a great community service to add to your record book, especially in a food and nutrition or civic engagement project areas!****

Cass County 4-H Endowment Event Grants available!

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 this upcoming year 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 or 712-243-1132.

76 Youth completed 145+ project records this year!

15 Adult volunteers reviewed 29 Senior books and 60 project records.

Club volunteers reviewed ALL the books turned in by their club members!

YAC reviewed:
26 Club Officer Books, Nominations for 3 community awards,
9 Window Displays,
4 Graduate Books,
13 County level award applications

2023-2024 Cass County Record Book Reviews are COMPLETE!

Thank you to all those that volunteered their time at the club or county level to review the project records content this year and provided feedback to our members how they can continue to Make the Best Better!!!

Now is a great time to start your 2024-2025 Record Book!

Forms are on our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/record-keeping

The start of the program year is the best time to set your project goals for the rest of the year.

Good goals have an Action, Result, and Timetable that YOU can control!

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