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Cass County Fair

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Cass County 4-H Clover Connection October 2024

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October:

- 3 – Fairboard 7:00pm
- 6-12 – National 4-H Week! Theme: Beyond Ready
- 7 – Club Officer Books, Senior Record Books, Youth Council Applications due on or before 4:30pm
- 13 – Fall Fest 2:00-4:00pm
- 15 – Review Senior Record Books @ Anita Methodist Church 6-8pm
- 17 – Review Senior Record Books @ Griswold Methodist Church 6-8pm
- 21 – Review Senior Record Books @ Cass Extension Office 8am-7pm
- TBD – Youth Council Interviews

November:

- 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
- 1 - CyDay & 4-H Enrollment Friday Party 8-4:30pm Cass Extension Office
- 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
- 13 – Griswold Library Afterschool Program - Sound all Around
- 13 – Anita Library Afterschool Program - Sound all Around
- 24– 4-H Club Officer Training 6-7:30pm Cass County Community Center
- 28-29 - Happy Holidays, Office is CLOSED
- TBD – Youth Council Meeting

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

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
- 26 - SOFA planning Committee Meeting 1pm at Adair County Extension

**4-HOnline is open to enroll or re-enroll!
Be sure to enroll as soon as you are
attending club meetings.**



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OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
				Fairboard @ 7pm		
6	DEADLINE Officer Books, Senior Records and YC apps DUE	8	9	10	11	12
						
National 4-H Week!		October 6th-12th		Theme: Beyond Ready		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Fall Fest 2:00-4:00pm		Review Senior Record Books @ Anita UMC 6-8pm		Review Senior Record Books @ Grisold UMC 6-8pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Youth Council Interviews TBD	Review Senior Record Books @ Cass County Extension Office 8:00am-7:00pm					
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Youth Council Interviews TBD			Halloween			

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
				DEADLINE	Cy Day & Enrollment Friday @ Cass County Extension 8-4:30pm	DEADLINE
				Club Leader new program year forms due November 1st	Early Enrollment Incentive Deadline in 4-HOnline	
3	DEADLINE Register for Nov 6 Officer Training	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
County Convention Meal at 12:30pm			Griswold Library Program afterschool			
17	18	19	20	DEADLINE Register for Nov 24 Officer Training	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
4-H Club Officer Training 2-3:30pm Cass County Community Building				Office Closed - Holiday	Office Closed - Holiday	

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 @CassC. We will have trivia, food, and more Friday, November 1st. Follow Cass County Extension on Facebook or Cass County Iowa 4-H on Instagram for more details leading up to the event.



Officer Books Due October 7th!

Attention Club Secretaries, Treasurers and Historians— We want to recognize you for your hard work, so make sure your officer books are turned into the Extension Office by October 7 to be evaluated. Top books will be announced at County Convention. Don't forget your club collects banner club points for turning in these books.

Club Treasurer Books are **required** to be turned into the Extension Office along with a completed audit form. Club Leaders have the necessary audit form to complete with your book.

Officer Training

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!

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-Her's 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!



County-Level Senior Record Book Reviewers Needed

YAC and County Volunteers will be reviewing the Senior level books. We can always use more volunteers to help with this! Katie is taking record books on the road so volunteers don't have to drive so far to review books! This is a great way for parents, leaders and other volunteers to learn about record books and see what youth in Cass County are doing. Parents that aren't sure how to put a record book together, this is the perfect time to learn, we will answer questions as you review with the rubrics we provide! Come to one of these review nights, or set up a time during the week to review at the Extension Office!

Youth Action Committee requests an adult from each club help review the senior record to gain a point toward Banner Club. Come and go as you are able during these times!

Anita UMC
October 15th 6-8pm

Griswold UMC
October 17th 6-8pm

Cass County Extension
October 21st 8am-7pm

Fall Fest October 13th

Join us on the Cass County Fairgrounds for the 4-H Fall Fest on October 13th from 2:00-4:00PM. This will be a fun way to wrap-up National 4-H Week, recruit friends to attend and help the public learn more about what 4-H is in Cass County. The community, friends and family are welcome to join in on the fun; we will have games, activities, and food to celebrate 4-H. Admission is free!

4-H clubs will be charged a \$10 fee. This will be deducted from your booth profits when turning in tickets, no need to pay in advance! 4-H booth workers must wear a 4-H shirt. **Tickets this year will be 25 cents each.** Booths must accept only tickets as payment and turn in all tickets at the end of the event in order to receive those funds. Please encourage all your friends and family to attend. This event raises money for each club and is also a great low cost opportunity for families to have fun and support 4-H.

Pick up fliers at the Extension Office to help recruit and spread the word about 4-H Fall Fest October 13th. Help us promote this to the community by sharing the Facebook Event. Be sure to share the date and what your club booth is doing with your friends at school. This is a great way to get people excited about 4-H, see you there!

National Giving Day



Iowa 4-H Giving Day is an opportunity for Iowa 4-H supporters from across the country to come together to raise funds to help grow the 4-H Program! Plan NOW to join us for 24 hours of giving, October 7-8, 2024! We can't wait to grow Iowa 4-H together!



Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal of \$600 and 20 donors! 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.

Cass County 4-H Giving Day (<https://go.iastate.edu/TL0JYI>). Follow the Iowa 4-H Foundation Website today for more information on the event and challenges the day of at [@iowa4hfoundation](https://twitter.com/iowa4hfoundation).



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2024-2025 Program Year Starts!

September marks 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-HOnline **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!

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 do not complete this step your enrollment may be sent back to you to select your preference.

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.

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



4-H ENROLLMENT
OPEN
NOW

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 lunch for everyone, and awards ceremony beginning 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! Save November 10th on your calendar to celebrate 4-H with other 4-Hers in the county at County Convention!

County Convention Slideshow

If you have group photos of some of the 4-H events this past year, please share them for the County Convention Slideshow! Email photos by October 30th to Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu to show the awesome things you did in 4-H this past year!

Did you do a fun project, go on a tour? We want to see what your club did, share your fun and successes with other clubs so they can potentially do similar projects in the future!

Photos are also used at Pancake Supper and photos may be used for promotions or future newsletters!

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. We appreciate all help we can get to ensure the success of the program. 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. Room set by 12:15pm: **Pymosa**

Clean-up: **Washington GEM**



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4-H Record Books

As you enroll in 4-H this year and select the project you are going to work on this 4-H year consider what your goals look like now for later in the year. Did you struggle to pull together fair exhibits or record book information? Consider utilizing the resources available on Cass County 4-H Record Keeping webpage, www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/record-keeping for more tips and tricks to record your progress this 4-H year. Set aside time each month to set and review goals with your club or on your own. Projects are year-round and do not have to end with an exhibit at fair.

Download the yearly summary and keep track of your 4-H involvement to update each month this 4-H program year. Let's say you want to learn how to take a photograph, feed a pet, build a doghouse, or plant a garden. When you learn those skills, you also learn life skills such as how to make decisions, get organized, keep records, and work with others. All these skills can help you as you go through school and beyond. For many 4-H'ers, an interest they have in a 4-H project area will lead to future careers. Not sure where to start? Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list to explore the many different project areas in 4-H.

Purpose of Record Keeping:

- ⇒ Track participation, goals, and achievements throughout the year. Keeping annual records shows overall growth in a project area over time. Record books are a great way to track progress throughout the 4-H year and compare growth from year to year.
- ⇒ Your record book should be a reflection of the year (September through August). Complete your records based on your age division and grade you were in the majority of that year.

Recognition for Completing Records:

- ⇒ Leaders look at project work, and overall record book using the rubric (provided to leaders in the Fall Leader Packet) to review youth's record book and nominate for awards.
 - ⇒ Juniors who reach 18 points and list activities in at least 1 of the 3 areas of Communication, Citizenship and Leadership to receive a project award. Club Reviewers can nominate up to 2 Juniors per club to receive "Record Keeping Star" at County Convention.
 - ⇒ Intermediates who reach 21 points and list activities in at least 2 of the 3 areas of Communication, Citizenship and Leadership to receive a project award. Club Reviewers can nominate up to 2 Intermediates per club to receive "Record Keeping Star" at County Convention.
 - ⇒ All Senior level books are nominated at the club level and reviewed again for county-level awards. Senior books are due to the Extension Office by the First Monday in October at 4:30pm.

Tips:

- ⇒ Frequently asked questions, and more can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/record-keeping>. Be sure to review the Record Keeping Evaluation Form, Project Awards Evaluation Form, and County-Level Application Form. If you prefer paper copies, stop by the office to have forms printed.
- ⇒ Junior - Basic project form (completed grades 4-6), Intermediate - Experienced project form (completed grades 7-8), Senior- Advanced project form (completed grades 9-12).
- ⇒ Record Book Covers, as pictured, are available in the Extension office for \$3.50.
- ⇒ If you have any questions, reach out the Katie or the extension office 712-243-1132. Club Leaders have a packet with all reviewer's paperwork and notes about all of the forms needed.



Youth Action Committee is looking for Youth and Adult Members

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? The Youth Action Committee focuses on program and policy development for the County 4-H Program. 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.

YAC is made up of youth and adults from across the county with the goal to have representation from a large percentage of the 4-H Clubs. YAC has a representative from Extension Council, Fairboard and Youth council. YAC reviews requests for policy changes/expectations and shares information back and forth between club and committee.

This is a great opportunity for family members to get involved and learn more about county programming and report back to club meetings too! Parents, leaders, or youth members may join throughout the program year by reaching out to the Extension Office.

Reach out to Katie if you are interesting in joining YAC! kbateman@iastate.edu or 712-243-1132.

2024-2025 Youth Council Applications

Looking for a fun way to get involved, meet other 4-H members from around the county and develop leadership skills? Youth Council is just what you are looking for! Return an application to the Extension Office **on or before October 7th at 4:30pm.**

Council members must have these minimum qualifications:

- Completed at least two years of club work.
- Be in 9, 10, 11, or 12 grades.
- Plan to remain actively involved with their local club.
- Have a current and completed 4-H record book.



Candidates will be interviewed and selected by the Youth Action Committee. Council members may serve up to four, one-year terms. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings, plus events planned throughout the year. Group plans one major event during the year and tries to host activities for all ages and families. (New member party, Share-the-Fun, educational presentation workshop, junior day camp, county convention.) Council members are expected to behave in a responsible and mature manner. They shall represent themselves as good role models. Issues of misconduct will be handled by Extension staff and/or the Youth Action Committee. Members Council should make meetings/events a priority to maintain eligibility for subsequent years. The Council may choose to elect officers, those elected to serve agree to make meetings and council activities a priority as they take on additional leadership responsibilities.

Applications are available in the extension office or email kbateman@iastate.edu for a typeable form. All applications must be received hard copy in office or emailed no later than 4:30pm on Monday, October 7th.

SOFA Planning Committee

Would you like to be part of the Speak Out For Agriculture (SOFA) planning committee? We are seeking interested high school students who have been on a previous SOFA trip to help plan the trip and contact donors. This is an excellent opportunity to build your leadership and communication skills. Reach out to Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu if you are interested in planning the June 2025 Bus Trip for your peers!



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Beef Weigh-in

All market beef planning to exhibit at the 2024 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 a 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 and either a registration number or 4-H ear tag.

Beef rules for the 2025 Cass County Fair are under advisement currently. Watch for updates and rule changes coming out soon. No major changes are expected at this time. Rules will be shared in November.

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.

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 6-12, 2024



Beyond Ready

SUNDAY

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Service Sunday

Make a plan on how you can serve others this week

THURSDAY

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Throwback Thursday

Share a photo of a 4-H activity you participated in from a year or more ago!

MONDAY

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Memory Monday

Reach out to the friends 4-H has connected you with! Share your favorite memory

FRIDAY

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Fair Friday

Post a photo of your favorite part of the Cass County Fair!

TUESDAY

8

Giving Tuesday

Support youth programming through a tax-deductible donation to Cass County 4-H Endowment

SATURDAY

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Say it Saturday

Say "Thank You" to the people who help you make the best better every day

WEDNESDAY

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Wear Green Wednesday

Wear your 4-H uniform proud to school, work, and activities today!

SUNDAY

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Celebration Sunday

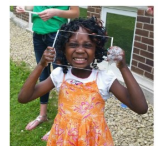
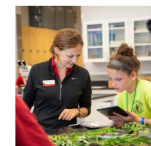
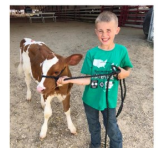
Join us from 2-4pm on the Cass County Fairgrounds for 4-H Fall Fest. Low cost carnival games and free food

For more information about Cass County 4-H, call us at 712-243-1132 or stop by 805 W 10th Street in Atlantic

**IOWA 4-H
GIVING
Day**



Beyond Ready



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4-H Fall Fest

**October 13th
2:00-4:00pm
Cass County
Fairgrounds**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME,
FROM THE COMMUNITY TO
CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H
WEEK & LEARN ABOUT
Cass County 4-H

**FREE admission. Buy tickets
only 25 cents to play games,
do activities and win prizes at
our 4-H Club Booths!**



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