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2024 State Fair Static Exhibitors



Cass County 4-H Clover Connection September 2024

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Upcoming Dates - Mark your Calendar

September:

- 2 – Office Closed – Holiday
- 3 – Enrollment Opens 2024-25 Program Year!
- 4 – Fall Leader Meeting 5:30pm
- 5 – Fairboard 7:00pm
- 8 – Youth Council Meeting 5:00pm
- 10 – Youth Action Committee 5:30pm
- 20 – Cass County 3rd Graders participate in Ag Day on the fairgrounds!
- 27 – Club booth top 3 picks for Fall Fest due on or before 4:30pm
- TBD – Record Books due to 4-H Club Leaders (check with your leader)

October:

- 3 – Fairboard 7:00pm
- 6-12 – National 4-H Week!
- 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
- 7 – Fairboard @ 7:00pm
- 10 – County Convention, 12:30pm light meal awards to follow at 1:30pm
- TBD – 4-H Club Officer Training
- TBD – New Member Night
- TBD – Youth Council Meeting

**JOIN
4-H
TODAY**

#4HGROWSHERE

4-H Online Enrollment Opens in September!
**Be sure to enroll as soon as you are
attending club meetings.**






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SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Office Closed - Holiday	3  4-H Enrollment Opens for 2024-2025 Program Year!	4 Fall Leader Meeting 5:30pm	5 Fairboard @ 7pm	6	7
8 Youth Council 5:00pm	9	10 Youth Action Committee 5:30pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 3rd Grade Ag Day!	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Club Booth top 3 picks for Fall Fest Due <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: white; font-weight: bold;">DEADLINE</div>	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3 Fairboard @ 7pm	4	5
6 	7 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; color: white; font-weight: bold;">DEADLINE</div> Officer Books, Senior Records and YC apps DUE	8	9 	10	11	12 
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> National 4-H Week! Theme: Beyond Ready </div>						
13 Fall Fest 2:00-4:00pm	14	15 Review Senior Record Books @ Anita UMC 6-8pm	16	17 Review Senior Record Books @ Grisold UMC 6-8pm	18	19
20 Review Senior Record Books @ Cass County Extension Office 8:00am-7:00pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Halloween	31	1	2

THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to all the 4-H members, leaders, volunteers, Fairboard members and 4-H families for making the Cass County Fair a success! The dedication and hard work that was showcased through the exhibits and activities were amazing! Thank you parents, club leaders, superintendents and youth role models for all of the little things you do to keep the Cass County Fair running as it does.

Exhibitors: Tips in writing thank you notes

It takes a lot of people to plan and conduct the Cass County Fair. Before fall becomes busy, don't forget to send those people who contributed to your success at the fair a thank you note. If you aren't sure who or where to send your thank you, call the Extension Office. You may consider thanking:

- Award donors
- Livestock buyers
- Fair supporters
- Club Leaders/FFA Advisor
- Superintendents
- Veterinarians
- Fairboard members
- Parents or other fair supporters

The Cass County Fair would not be the same without people who are willing to go above and beyond to make the Cass County Fair the best fair around. Please do your part to recognize these 4-H supporters and show them they are appreciated. The Extension Office also has 4-H Thank You cards available to anyone who would like some to write thank you to supporters- free of cost!

4 STEPS TO A 4-H THANK YOU

Show your appreciation to the people who help make the 4-H program possible!

1

Greet the person and thank them for their support.

*Dear Mrs. Smith,
Thank you for the generous gift you made to support Iowa 4-H members!*

2

Tell the person why you appreciate their gift or the result of their gift.

Your gift will help allow 4-H members like me to participate in the program and gain valuable skills.

3

Tell the person about yourself and how 4-H has benefited you.

Through 4-H I have made friends from across the state and improved my communication skills. I love 4-H!

4

Repeat your thanks and sign your name.

*Thank you again!
Sincerely,
Jane Jones, Linn County 4-H member*

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Congratulations at the Iowa State Fair!

Congratulations to the 47 Cass County members that exhibited in 4-H Static, Communications, and Livestock at the Iowa State Fair! Results are posted online at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-state-fair-results>. Thank you for representing Cass County! In addition to the ribbons, special awards were given including (2) Professional Photographers of Iowa Gallery Awards, Judges Choice Award, Champion Crossbred Breeding Beef, Champion Bred and owned Maintainer, and Showmanship Honorable Mention.

Atkinson, Makayla	Hansen, Ada	Ohms, Eden	Steffen, Brookelyn
Becker, Colton	Hansen, Isaac	Ohms, Leah	Stuart, Miraylie
Becker, Oliver	Jacobsen, Maggie	Olson, Olivia	Suhr, Haidyn
Brock, Hudson	Jensen, Jenna	Pellett, Callee	Sunderman, Nolan
Brock, Parker	Johnson, Lily	Pellett, Claire	Swain, Kailey
Burg, Macy	Kardell, Lynsie	Peterson, BrookLynne	Tibken, Landon
Dawson, Brayden	Kloewer, Maggie	Robinson, Lane	Tibken, Logan
Dreager, Alyson	Lee, Bryson	Robinson, Quincy	Will, Brant
Dreager, Dylon	McCurdy, Margaret	Scholl, Braxton	Will, Kyser
Erickson, Bay	Metheny, Cooper	Scholl, Faithlynn	Will, Morgan
Freund, Jacquelyn	Millikan, Josephine	Skow, Oakley	Williams, Brynlee
Freund, Macy	Millikan, Kian	Smith, Grayson	



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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!

Starting September 3, remember to 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.

Family Email Address

It is very important that when you re-enroll that you make sure you are giving us an email address where you want all important 4-H information throughout the year to go. If you change emails, just simply call the office so that we can get it changed or log into your account and change it there. If you are not receiving emails from Katie please call the office so that we can ensure you are getting the information you need. If you still want to receive the newsletter in the mail that is fine, just be sure to check **mail copy** when re-enrolling. If you have any questions contact Katie at the Extension office; kbateman@iastate.edu.

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.

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!

This is also used at Pancake Supper and photos may be used for future newsletters!



4-H Record Books

Purpose of Record Keeping:

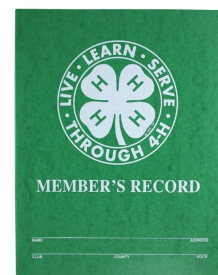
- ⇒ Track participation, goals, and achievements throughout the year. Keeping annual records shows overall growth in a project area over time. Record books are a great way to track progress throughout the 4-H year and compare growth from year to year.
- ⇒ Your record book should be a reflection of the past year (September 2023-August 2024). Complete your records based on your age division and grade you were in last school year, Junior (completed grades 4-6), Intermediate (completed grades 7-8), Senior (completed grades 9-12).

Recognition for Completing Records:

- ⇒ Check with your 4-H Club leader to find out when in September record books are due. Club Leaders or other adult volunteers will review your record book and provide feedback.
- ⇒ 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:

- ⇒ Forms have been updated for the 2023-2024 Program 4-H year; information including record keeping order, instructions, 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.
- ⇒ 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 who completed 8-12 grade can also apply for County Level Awards for going above and beyond in skill areas such as leadership, citizenship, or livestock.
- ⇒ There are even scholarship opportunities for graduating 4-Her's who have kept an up to date record book and turn in a record book their final year as a member.



Leaders:

- ⇒ Please be sure to turn senior record books nominated for awards and award results sheets into the Extension Office by October 7 at 4:30pm. The award sheet should list ALL record books that were turned in for you to review.
- ⇒ If you are needing assistance with your record book, project awards, county-level awards, or would like someone to look over/review it before you submit it please reach out to Katie to set up a meeting time that works into your busy schedule.



Youth Action Committee Members Needed—Youth & Adults

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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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. All are welcome to join in on the fun; we will have games, activities, and food to celebrate 4-H.

Each club who wishes to participate must submit their top 3 club activities along with a short description to the Extension office by September 27th @ 4:30 PM, with options 1-3 for the club to do. Activities are on a first come first serve basis so get your idea in early, and have a second or third back up plan! Don't forget to be creative with your game/activities. New ideas and activities can be more fun for participants and raise more money for your club!

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 for the 4-H Fall Fest beginning September 1st. Be sure to share with your family and friends as well. What a great way to get people excited about joining 4-H!

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!

Whether you chose to support a priority area, a county program or simply direct your gift to 4-H's greatest needs, you're making a difference in the lives of over 100,000 young people each year across the state of Iowa! Thank you for making a difference! Iowa 4-H Giving Day (www.iowa4Hgivingday.org),

Follow the Iowa 4-H Foundation Website today for more information on the event and challenges the day of at, [@iowa4hfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/iowa4hfoundation). Watch our social media for challenges as the day gets closer!



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Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame - Lloyd & Sharon Roberts

Thursday, July 25th Cass County announced our Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame inductees at the Queen/King Contest. Lloyd and Sharon Roberts were officially inducted to the Hall of Fame during the Iowa State Fair Ceremony August 18th. Sharon and Lloyd Roberts have left in Cass County have made an indelible mark on the lives of many people and the community. For over 30 years, they have been active 4-H parents, with all four of their sons participating in Cass County 4-H. Lloyd served as a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Rabbits, and as a night guard at the Cass County Fair. Sharon volunteered in the 4-H Exhibit building and assisted with check-in during judging. Thank you for all the ways you contribute to 4-H!



Fair Lost items are looking for their owners

The Extension Office is still housing many items left behind from County Fair. If you brought a static exhibit to County or State Fair but are not sure where it is, it may be at our office. If you participated in Best of Iowa, we have many kitchen items that were left behind. There is a handful of ribbons, write-ups and miscellaneous awards here too! Stop by, or call to see if something belongs to you!

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.

Officer Training

Club Officer Training will be held in November for all 4-H club officer roles. As new club officers are elected, share that information with the Extension Office so information can be shared with officers directly when dates are set. Parents and Leaders are encouraged to attend as well to help support your officers in their new roles. We need to have updated contacts for club treasurers to send monthly statements!

Pre-registration is required for Officer Trainings to ensure we have the accurate number of material for each officer role prepared ahead of time. 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! Watch the newsletter for dates!

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