



Emmet COUNTY Clover Connection

September 2023

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

4-H Enrollment: NOW
OPEN

September 1: Record
Keeping & Awards
forms DUE

September 9-17: Clay
County Fair

September 15:
Scholarships DUE

September 24: County
Council Meeting @ 4:00

September 29: Clover
Kids Registration Due

October 1-7:
National 4-H Week

October 1: Youth Project
Committee Applications
DUE

Enrollment NOW Open

It is that time of the year again! Enrollment is now OPEN for the 2023-24 4-H year! The new enrollment year provides us with new opportunities and goals that each one of us can strive for. It also gives us a chance to reset, discover, and grow. If you are interested in returning to 4-H, new to 4-H, or know someone that would be a great fit for the program, you are encouraged to sign up!

Enrollment fees are \$20 per member.

Visit <https://v2.4honline.com> to get enrolled! For returning members, you will log back into your existing account (may need to update a password) and adjust any information that has changed. For new members, you will need to create an account. Select Iowa for the state and Emmet for the county. Then you can choose your club and fill out needed information.

New to 4-H? Not sure what club to join? Contact us at the office & we can help!

Clover Kid enrollments are also open now and are available for K-3rd graders (see the Clover Kids information in the Clover Connection for locations and dates/times).

Clay County Fair

Good luck to all those participating at the Clay County Fair this year! Participants, for more information please visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/clay-county-fair>



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4-H

TODAY!



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Clover Kids Information

What is Clover Kids?

Clover Kids is a fun 4-H program specifically designed for children in K-3rd grade. Clover Kids fosters positive relationships and builds valuable life skills through a variety of hands-on activities.

Clover Kids members:

- Investigate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
- Explore literacy through fun and engaging ways to read and write
- Learn the importance of being healthy and physically active
- Practice communication skills and learn to work as a team
- Play fun cooperative games and make new friends

Clover Kids will also be invited to a pizza party, barn tour, and fun project judging at the Emmet County Fair in July.

Cost: \$30—Paid registration also includes a Clover Kids T-shirt!

***Please pay by check.** Checks can be made out to Emmet County Extension. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to Emmet County Extension, 26 South 17th Street, Estherville, IA 51334.

How do I sign up?

Sign up online at <https://v2.4honline.com> anytime after Sept. 1st. If you have never enrolled in Clover Kids or 4-H before click, "Don't have an account?" (otherwise you are already in the system!). Be sure to click through all the screens until you get a submit button that you can click on. You can pay online with a credit card or you can pay the enrollment fee at the Emmet County Extension Office at 26 S. 17th Street, Estherville, IA. Deadline to register is **September 29th**.

Clover Kids Groups

Clover Kids is held from 3:30—4:30 PM for the following grades, locations, and dates:

Estherville Grades K-1 @ Demoney ELC Art Room

October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th
January 8th
February 5th
March 4th
April 8th
May 6th

Estherville Grades 2-3 @ Demoney ELC Art Room

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th
January 9th
February 6th
March 5th
April 9th
May 7th

Armstrong Grades K-1 @ Armstrong High-school Cafeteria

October 16th
November 13th
December 11th
January 15th
February 12th
March 11th
April 15th
May 13th

Armstrong Grades 2-3 @ Armstrong High-school Cafeteria

October 17th
November 14th
December 12th
January 16th
February 13th
March 12th
April 16th
May 14th

*Dates are subject to change—an email will be sent before each meeting. Cancellations due to weather will be announced through email & notifying school system.

Explore the Possibilities!!

Take a peek at all of the opportunities and project areas that 4-H has to offer. 4-H offers youth the opportunity to discover, learn, and strengthen their skills, find their interests, and build the foundation for their future. Below are the many different project areas that can be explored. You can also click on each topic area to be taken to the ISU Extension and Outreach website, where you can learn further about each topic and how you can explore that project area!

Ag & Natural Resources

[Agronomy](#)
[Environmental & Sustainability](#)
[Horticulture](#)
[Outdoor Adventure](#)
[Shooting Sports](#)
[Entomology](#)
[Wildlife](#)

Creative Arts

[Digital Storytelling](#)
[Music](#)
[Photography](#)
[Visual Art](#)

STEM

[Computer Science](#)
[Mechanics](#)
[Woodworking](#)
[Tractor](#)
[Robotics](#)
[Aerospace](#)
[STEM](#)

Animals

[Beef](#)
[Dairy Cattle](#)
[Dairy Goat](#)
[Dogs](#)
[Horse & Pony](#)
[Meat Goat](#)
[Pets](#)
[Poultry](#)
[Rabbit](#)
[Sheep](#)
[Swine](#)
[Vet Science](#)

Family Consumer Science

[Child Development](#)
[Clothing](#)
[Consumer Management](#)
[Food & Nutrition](#)
[Health](#)
[Home Improvement](#)
[Sewing and Needle Art](#)

Personal Development

[Civic Engagement](#)
[Leadership](#)
[Communication](#)
[Self Determined](#)

FAIRBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT—BEEF PROJECT AREA

Attention exhibitors that have an interest in showing beef at the Emmet County Fair. This change impacts the Breeding Beef class. Please be aware of this **proposed** fair book rule change, which will be on the agenda for approval at the November Extension Council Meeting. We wanted families to be aware of this proposal as they begin planning for entries next year. Below is the proposed rule change in the highlighted text:

BREEDING HEIFERS

Class No. 20100 - Beef Breeding Heifers

1. All 4-H Breeding Beef must be ID'd on 4-H Online or with their FFA Advisor by May 15th. Heifers weighed in and designated as market beef may be shown as either market or breeding beef, but not both. Breeding heifers MUST identify any ear tag as a primary identification. Breeding heifers MUST identify a tattoo number if showing the animal at the Iowa State Fair. ID's must be identified by May 15th on 4-H online. **You can use any type of hanging ear tag where numbers are legible to read and is clear when identifying the tag.** (ex: if it is a 4-H Tag, include all numbers, if it is a tag from home, include all information on the tag).

Example of hanging ear tag:



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2. Breeding heifers must be breeding age and must be born between January 1st, 2023 and June 1st, 2023. A birthdate is required when identifying the animal in 4-H Online or with FFA Advisor. Any breed or crossbred is eligible.
3. Up to two (2) heifers may be shown by each exhibitor.
4. **ALL BREEDING HEIFERS** will be weighed in for check-in and show purposes. Classes will be broken by weight.
5. Heifers must be broke to lead and shown at halter with grooming.
6. All heifers will be judged from the standpoint of type, quality, and conformation, with future usefulness as a breeding cow considered.
7. Exhibitors need to enter the following information when they enter their breeding heifer for the fair:
 - 1) Sire Breed/Identification
 - 2) Dam Breed/Identification
 - 3) Ear Tag Number
 - 4) Tattoo Number
8. Heifers shown in this class **cannot** be shown in the market beef class.



Congratulations Janine!

Janine Kinnander was inducted into the 2023 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. Janine has been a long time leader of the Iowa Lake 4-Her's Club. The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame ceremony was held at the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, August 20th. Inductees are selected for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Inductees were presented a certificate as they were introduced on stage. Congratulations and thank you for all you do for the 4-H program!

ISU Publications for Exploration

ISU have released the following new publications on the extension store. The extension store is a great resource for members and volunteers.

Interested in design? Check out this new resource—a great tool for creative arts!

Elements & Principles of Design: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16843>

Interested in photography? Check out these visual resources!

Rule of Thirds: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16837>

White Balance: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16838>

Interested in wildlife? Check out these helpful trivia guides to different ecoregions!

Tallgrass Prairie Ecoregion: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16462>

Urban Ecoregion: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16866>

Wetland Ecoregion: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16867>

Congratulations Iowa State Fair Participants!

Congratulations to all of our Emmet County 4-H members who participated at the Iowa State Fair this year! Want to see what our Emmet County members participated in? Check out the Iowa State Fair results page: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-state-fair-results>

Applications Open for Youth on Project Committees

Applications for youth on project committees are now open for 10-12th grade 4-H members enrolled into the 4-H program. **Applications will close on October 1st.** The application must be sent into the Emmet Extension Office or emailed to kzh@iastate.edu. Youth may serve on only one committee for a one year term and must reapply each year. Please read the application attached to the Clover Connection Email for the job description and responsibilities.

After the application deadline closes on October 1st, youth that submitted an application will also take part in a scheduled interview. This is a great opportunity to practice those interview skills!

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