

Mahaska County 4-H News

December 2022



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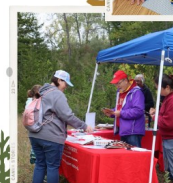
Happy Holidays!

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HAPPY
Holidays



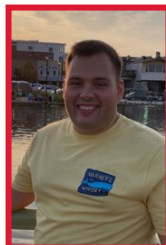
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Closed for the Holidays

IMPORTANT

**OFFICE
CLOSURE**

NOTICE

As we start to get in the into the busy holiday season, please take note of the days the Extension office will be closed.

★ **December 23, 26, & 27, 2022** (Christmas)

★ **January 2, 2023** (New Year's Day)

2022-2023 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for Returning Members due JAN. 1, 2023

★ Calling all 4-H members and volunteers: If you have not yet enrolled in 4-H online yet, please do so as soon as possible!

★ In order to be eligible to exhibit at Southern Iowa Fair in 2023, **enrollment in 4-H Online 2.0 and program fee must be PAID by Jan.1 2023** for all previously enrolled Mahaska County 4-H **members**. New 4-H members have until May15th, 2023.

★ **Enrollment is open via 4-H Online 2.0** [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com) All enrollments; including Clover Kids, 4-H Members, and Leaders needs to be entered in 4-H Online this year.

There are help sheets for enrollment online here: [4hOnline](https://4honline.com) [Information for Families and Leaders | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu) Click the link for "Family Enrollment Guide", or if you have questions, contact us by emailing mahaska4h@iastate.edu or call 641-673-5841.

★ There is an annual program fee of \$35 to enroll in 4-H. But thanks to Mahaska County Farm Bureau, 4-H members will only have to pay \$30 for enrollment because Farm Bureau is donating a \$5 scholarship for each 4-H member!

Also new this year, we will be accepting online payments for 4-H enrollment. We are STRONGLY ENCOURAGING all families to pay their enrollment fees online when they enroll. When entering your enrollment there will be a section for fees. At this point, you will need to enter a credit card. **If you submit your enrollment with out entering a credit card you will have to submit cash or check.** Cash or check payments should be submitted to the Extension Office via mail, mailbox, or in-person. Please indicate the child you are paying for. **We have many outstanding enrollments. Please make sure to pay your 4-H membership dues as soon as possible. Once we receive your payment, your enrollment will be approved.** Information on how to pay online can be found on page 7 of Family Enrollment Guide linked above.

If you feel that this fee would constitute an undue financial burden, financial aid is available from the Mahaska County 4-H Foundation. Please contact the Mahaska Extension Office for assistance.



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Huge Shout Out & Thank You!

A huge shout out and thank you to the Mahaska County Farm Bureau for sponsoring a \$5 scholarship for each 4-H member this year which will bring down member dues to \$30! Please take some time and thank Farm Bureau for this generous donation. We ask that all families send a thank you card to Farm Bureau. Below is their address.

Mahaska County Farm Bureau: 214 North G St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Clover Kids



CLUBS & MEETING TIMES

Below are all Clover Kid Meeting Times and Locations for the Month of December.

Oskaloosa Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Tuesday, December 13th at 4:30-5:30pm

Location: Extension Office

Eddyville Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Thursday, December 1st at 3:15-4:15pm.

Location: Eddyville Elementary School

North Mahaska Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Tuesday, December 6th at 4:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Friends Church in New Sharon

Harrison Hustlers Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Monday, December 12th at 7:00-8:00pm.

Location: EBF High School

Cedar Livestock Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Sunday, December 11th at 2:15-3:15pm

Location: Fremont Methodist Church

Clover Kids Registration is OPEN!

Clover Kid registration is open NOW via 4-H Online. **Clover Kid meetings will begin officially in December.** All Clover Kids registrations need to be completed online www.v2.4honline.com.

Cost to join Clover Kids will be \$25.00 for the year which includes a t-shirt, monthly activities, and snacks at our monthly meetings. Each month will consist of a new lesson that will include activities and crafts. Unfortunately, children who are enrolled in Kinder-Prep are not eligible, only those who are enrolled in Kindergarten-3rd grade students are eligible.

Clover Kids Meetings

All Clover Kids meetings will begin in December. Meeting dates, times, and locations are all located to the left. Please double check your meeting time and location so your do not miss out on your club's meeting.

This month's meeting is titled **Munching Mysteries**

Agenda Items Include:

- Snack & Drink
- Reading: *The Case of Stinky Stench* by Josh Funk
- Mystery Senses Activity
- Building Bridges Challenge

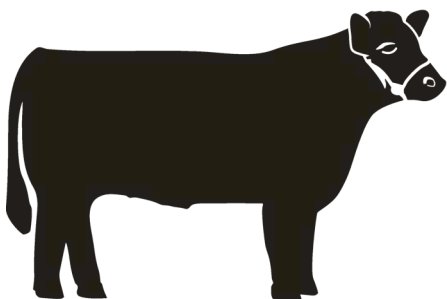
Interested in participating or volunteering for Clover Kids in 2022-2023? Contact Dustin Winkelman at dwinkel@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841.



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2022 Beef Weigh-in

December 10, 2022 from 8:00-10:30am



Inclement weather date is Saturday, December 17 from 8:00-10:30AM. In case of inclement weather, watch for email, text, and check our 4-H Facebook page.

Location: Fairgrounds Scale (Pull in on SOUTH side, go behind sheep & beef barns)

Cost: County Fair Verification \$4.00/head (tag) |
State Fair Verification: \$9.00/head (retinal scan and tag)

Beef Class Options: Exhibitors are responsible for signing up for classes at this weigh-in.

Carcass Beef—Exhibitors may enter a max of two animals; however, a list of names was taken several months ago due to locker availability. Those who are on the reservation list will be given slots that were requested. If anyone no longer needs their slot, please let Dustin know. Currently, the spots are FULL and you can be added to a waitlist. Please contact Dustin at 673-5841 if you wish to be added to the wait list.

Advanced Feeder Pens— 2-5 head of cattle per pen, more than one pen per exhibitor is acceptable. Monthly records must be kept and submitted to the Extension office.

Return Bucket/Bottle— All Return B/B entries must have been exhibited by a Mahaska County 4-H or FFA member at the 2022 Southern Iowa Fair in the 4-H/FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show. Open Bucket/Bottle Calves are not eligible to be exhibited as Return Bucket/Bottle Animals since they were not part of the 4-H/FFA program in 2022 (even if the exhibit was in Clover Kids).

No Fit Beef— Open to Heifers & Steers, animals cannot be clipped at all between weigh-in and county fair.

Mahaska County Market Beef— Open to any Mahaska County born & raised heifer or steer

Market Steer—Open to any market steer, will be shown by end weight

Market Heifer—Open to any market heifer, will be shown by end weight

The Superintendents request that all calves coming to the December weigh-in have some type of halter on for safety of all in attendance at the weigh-in.

Animal Identification: Due February 1, 2022. Youth are responsible for making sure their ID forms are complete and correct before leaving the weigh-in site. **FAMILIES will enter the animal information into 4-H Online. This is for county and state fair animals. Families have until February 1, 2022 to enter their animal identification(s) into 4-H Online.** The county 4-H staff will double-check the entries and contact families if something doesn't match up. *This also means that families will input registration numbers/breed information into the system by February 1.* "Pending" for the registration number blank is not acceptable (state fair beef). Below is a help sheet to upload identification to 4-H online: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/filesfamily_id_entry_all_animals_2022.docx



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2022 Beef Weigh-in (cont.)

Iowa State Fair: All breed information and registration numbers for market beef must be in 4hOnline by **February 1**, no exceptions. All heifers going to the Iowa State Fair must have tattoos plus one of the following: registration # if purebred, calfhood vaccine #, or 4-H tag.

Breeding Heifer Information: Breeding Heifers must either have a tattoo or 4-H tag and be identified by the families in 4hOnline (paper ID for FFA only) by May 15. Iowa State Fair Breeding Beef must have all breed and registration information entered by the family in 4hOnline by May 15. Tattoos/tags will not be checked until fair check-in.

If you have any questions, please contact a Beef Superintendent: Dave Orman (814-2599), Kyle Shaw (670-0279), Clayton Hester (295-5013), or Kristyn Phearman (660-2733). Carcass: Heather Shaw (670-0107)

YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors



YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals and is required for 4-H & FFA members exhibiting Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goat, & Myotonic Goat. It is not required for Bucket/Bottle, Llama/Alpaca, or Horse project exhibitors.

YQCA is an online training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by appointment). Cost to take the online training is **\$12.00 each year**. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by **JULY 1** for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun!

To access YQCA please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Use this helpful guide to access the training and your certificate: https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf

Once you complete YQCA please send a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office. We will accept hard copies or digital copies of the certificate. Please email certificates to xmahaska@iastate.edu.

Superintendent Openings

We are currently on the search for a poultry superintendent. If you or someone you know would be interested in being a poultry superintendent, please send them our way.

All superintendents work as a committee with the other current superintendents throughout the year. Decisions are made as a group and then approved by the 4-H Staff, Extension Council, and Fair Board. Volunteers must complete and pass an ISU Extension background screening and be approved by the Mahaska County Extension Council. Please contact Dustin Winkelman at 641-673-5841 or dwinkel@iastate.edu if you are interested.



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4-H Awards Recognition

The 4-H Awards & Recognition Event was held on Sunday, November 6th at the Extension Office. Mahaska County 4-H Members and Leaders were recognized for their achievements and record keeping. Below are the awards recipients and participants.



2022 MAHASHA COUNTY 4-H AWARDS & RECOGNITION

OUTSTANDING CLUB OFFICERS



Outstanding Club Officer Records
Secretary: Jaycee Long, Harrison Hustlers (not pictured)

Treasurer: Brie Marshall, Garfield Boosters (left)

Historian: Rachel Groenendyk, Garfield Boosters (right)



Award of the Clover

Recognizing volunteers for their years of volunteer service to the Iowa 4-H program.

5 Years of Service

Holly Padgett & Jenny Jarvis

25 Years of Service

Charlene Doyle & Deb Overbergen

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS



Longtime Record Keeping Award
Nicole Edgren



Outstanding Intermediate Member
Brandon Groenendyk



Outstanding Family & Consumer Science Members
Junior: Norah Zylstra (not pictured)
Intermediate: Brie Marshall



Outstanding Junior Members
Charlie Ferree & Olivia DeGroot
Outstanding Science, Technology, & Engineering Member
Junior: Olivia DeGroot

CLUB AWARDS



Chamber Community Service Award
Mahaska Masters 4-H Club



Make a Difference Award Winners
Cedar Livestock 4-H Club



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4-H Awards Recognition (cont.)

Congratulations

to all General Project Award winners and
Record Book participants.

Jefferson Go-Getters

Laura Cassill, Nicole Edgren, Evan Tague,
and Natalie Tague

Mahaska Masters

Harper McKinney, Andrew Stodghill,
Charlie Ferree, Arianna Jackson,
Johnathon Jackson, Mason Beane, and
Addison Beane

Harrison Hustlers

Jaycee Long, Madison Smith, and Addyson
Wells

Cedar Livestock

Haylee Lehman

Adams Champs

Abigail Hite

Leighton Strivers

Gabi Pollock, Calleigh Vander Wilt, and
Rachel Vander Wilt

West Des Moines Livewires

Brody Ransford

M&M Peppy Pals

Ellie Williams and Norah Zylstra

Garfield Boosters

Olivia DeGroot, Norah DeGroot, Aubrey
Kaisand, Brie Marshall, Clay Bruxvoort,
Sydney Bruxvoort, Nathan Groenendyk,
Brandon Groenendyk, and Rachel
Groenendyk

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OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS



Beef Project

Junior: Ellie Williams
Intermediate: Brandon
Groenendyk



Dog Project

Junior: Johnathon Jackson
Intermediate: Arianna
Jackson



Goat Project

Junior: Clay Bruxvoort
Intermediate: Sydney
Bruxvoort



Rabbit Project

Junior: Natalie Tague



Clothing Project

Junior: Jaycee Long (not
pictured) & Haylee Lehman

Photography Project

Junior: Jaycee Long
(not pictured)

Equine Project

Junior: Brody Ransford
(not pictured)



Communications Project

Junior: Olivia DeGroot
Intermediate: Sydney
Bruxvoort & Brie Marshall



Horticulture Project

Junior: Nora DeGroot
Intermediate: Brie Marshall
& Madison Smith

Club Fundraiser Approval

If your 4-H Club plans to complete a fundraiser this year, please be sure to submit the Iowa 4-H Fundraiser Request Form which can be found at the following link: www.iastate.app.box.com/v/4HP3020. These forms are also located in your club's Google Drive Folder.

All fundraisers need to be approved by the Extension Office and Extension Council. Please submit all fundraising requests to Dustin. This is to comply with the Iowa 4-H Club Financial Policy. If you have any questions contact Dustin at 641-673-5841 or dwinkel@iastate.edu.



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4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs' meetings, activities, and/or pre-approved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair. Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend if members are part of an **additional** special interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance is combined for both to count toward the 75%.

Honor Council

A huge shout out to our Honor Council members as they did an awesome job organizing and running our 2022 Awards and Recognition Event. They did an awesome job and practiced excellent communication skills. We thank them for their hard work.

At our December meeting, we planned and built our float for the 2022 Lighted Christmas Parade. Catch us in the parade on Saturday, December 3 at 7:00pm in Oskaloosa. We are float number 27.

The next meeting will be at **3:00 PM Sunday, January 15** at the Extension Office. We will be exploring the Maker Lab and planning a Maker Lab community service project.

Annual Volunteer Training– 2nd Showing

All 4-H Volunteers need to complete Annual Volunteer Training as a requirement to be an active volunteer in the county. We are holding a second in-person training on February 9, 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm. Dustin will be sending information to leaders in the coming weeks who still need to satisfy their training. Please watch for a Save the Date before the Holidays. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dustin at 641-673-5841 or dwinkel@iastate.edu.

January 4-H Project Workshop

Each month we are going to explore a different 4-H project. In the month of December, we spotlighted the Horticulture project with our Horticulture in the Holidays Workshop where we are focusing Evergreen Gnomes. Based on registration this was a popular workshop.

In January, we are going to explore the Visual Arts project. We will create an originally made project that youth can exhibit at the county fair. We will set goals, create the project, and wrap up by completing the goal sheet for the project.

When: January 19, 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Mahaska County Extension Office

Cost: \$5.00

Registration will be completed on 4-H Online and will open December 8, 2022.



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Iowa 4-H Camera Corps

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a program for all 4-H youth, designed to support photographers that plan on participating in the photography project area at county fairs.

Youth can sign up to participate by filling out the form on the Camera Corps webpage. Each month, a photography theme is provided with a different focus. November's theme was "Tiny Texture" with the goal of mastering the Principle of Design: Texture. To learn more about Camera Corps or sign-up for their month programs visit their website at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps.



Club Officer Tool Kits & Materials



Congratulations to our newly elected club officers!! To help you through out the year with your new office, the NEWLY updated So You're The Club... (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, etc.) guides are available at the Extension office and online from the Extension Store. To access these resources use the following link:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/club-officer-resources At this website you will find videos for each officer position as well as downloadable PDF guides. To

request copies, please contact Dustin or Sara Jane at 641-673-5841. There are digital copies also located in your club's Google Drive folder.

Reasonable Accommodation Practice

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PRACTICES As part of its duties under the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 ("ADAAA") and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide reasonable accommodations to its "policies, practices, or procedures" when the accommodations are necessary to provide equal access to programming to participants with a qualifying disability. It will also provide auxiliary aids and services when they are necessary to provide equal access. The process has the following five stages: (1) completion of the Reasonable Accommodation Request and Healthcare Provider Disability Documentation forms, (2) participants and parents are sent an agenda for the eligibility team meeting, (3) the eligibility meeting is conducted, (4) a determination letter is sent to participants, and (5) possible reassessment for future events. To access forms or learn more visit the [Iowa State University Diversity and Civil Rights website](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity).



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MAHASKA COUNTY || NOVEMBER 2022 - AUGUST 2023

CALENDAR

The below calendar showcases the 2022-23 4-H Year for Mahaska County. The calendar is not all-inclusive, but does list most of our important events and deadlines. This calendar will be updated each month when new dates are added. Please check every month to stay on top of upcoming due dates and meetings.

NOVEMBER

- November 6 (1:00pm-2:00pm): Annual 4-H Awards Program held in the Extension Office Auditorium

DECEMBER

- December 10 (8:00am-10:30am): Beef Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds
- December 17: Beef Weigh-in Inclement Weather Make-up Day ONLY

JANUARY

- January 1: Annual Enrollment DUE for **Returning Members** to be eligible to exhibit at the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair

FEBRUARY

- February 1: Market Heifers and Market Steers must be identified in 4H online

MARCH

- March 25 (8:00am-10:00am): Swine Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds

APRIL

MAY

- May 6 (8:00am-10:30am): Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds
- May 15: All other animals must be entered in 4-H online to be eligible for the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair
- May 15: Last day for any project changes in 4-H online and enrollment is due for all **New Members**
- May 15: Mahaska County Code of Conduct forms due (only signed once in a 4-H career)

JUNE

- TBD: Clothing Review/Show

JULY

- July 1: ALL Southern Iowa Fair Registrations are due via Fair Entry.
- July 1: YQCA Certificate due to the Mahaska County Extension Office
- July 1: Iowa State Fair Registration due
- July 17-23: Southern Iowa Fair

AUGUST

- August 10-20: Iowa State Fair



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