

# Mahaska County 4-H News

## October 2023



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**Southern Iowa  
Fair  
2024  
July 15-20**

### National 4-H Week



### National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2023

National 4-H Week is a great opportunity for 4-H members and clubs to share their love for 4-H with others and recruit new members! The theme for National 4-H week is... I ❤️ 4-H.

The office has been busy assembling cards, pencils, suckers for every 4th grader in the county at 6 different elementary schools. We are also supplying placemats for local restaurants with 4-H related activities and coloring for kids.

What does your club have planned? Let the office know what your club is doing to promote National 4-H week. Take a picture of your club in action to be featured on our Facebook page. Leaders can send the pictures to: [mahaska4h@iastate.edu](mailto:mahaska4h@iastate.edu)

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## LAST CALL: Annual Volunteer Training

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 5:30pm-7:30pm**

We will hold our Annual Volunteer Training and Fall Leader's Meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Auditorium at the Extension Office.

**Please RSVP by emailing [lkayala@iastate.edu](mailto:lkayala@iastate.edu) or calling the office at 641-673-5841.**



We appreciate knowing a head count for furnishing a meal for this training.

Remember it is a requirement from Iowa 4-H for club leaders, project leaders, clover kid leaders, and group leaders to attend an annual leader training. This training will satisfy that requirement.

We look forward to seeing all of our leaders on October 3rd!!!

## Iowa 4-H Giving Day

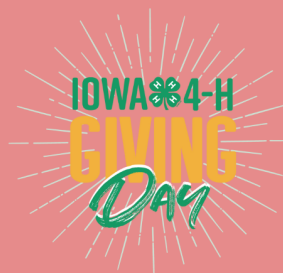
Again this year Mahaska 4-H is taking part in Iowa 4-H Day of Giving - an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community. We had a successful Giving Day last year and are looking forward to another great success this year!

We need your help! 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. By having our awesome families in Mahaska County spread the word; there is no doubt we will reach our goal of raising \$1,000. Dollars raised on Iowa 4-H Giving Day go directly to the Mahaska County 4-H Program and provide other opportunities such as state recognition, national 4-H trips, college scholarships and special programs, which enhance the Iowa 4-H experience.

Get ready to give! On October 4, share and visit our Mahaska 4-H page at <https://www.iowa4hgivingday.org/organizations/mahaska-county-4-h>. Please share this link with anyone you feel would be interested in helping support our 4-H program. All giving will end at 12:00PM on October 4th, so make sure to get your gift in on time!

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact the Extension Office. Thank you for helping spread the word about Iowa 4-H Giving day.

**October 3rd-4th  
noon-noon**



Provide an online donation to support positive youth development programming in Mahaska County! Funds raised will be used to support youth participation in programs through supplies and scholarships.



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# 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment

## Enrollment Is Now Open!

- ★ Enrollment opened September 1, 2023 via 4-H Online 2.0 [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com)

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

- ★ The annual program fee is \$35 to enroll in 4-H. This is thanks to Mahaska County Farm Bureau! They are donating a \$5 scholarship for each 4-H member and the Mahaska County Extension Council is providing a \$5 scholarship for each 4-H member with funds from Iowa 4-H Foundation.

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. 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 Extension Office for assistance.

- ★ In order to be eligible to exhibit at Southern Iowa fair in 2024, enrollment in 4-H Online 2.0 and program fee must be paid by **Jan.1 2024** for all previously enrolled Mahaska County 4-H members. New 4-H members have until May15th, 2024.

- ★ As the new year starts, leaders make sure that you are re-enrolling as well. This helps make sure that we have your contact information correct and ensures you are covered in all situations. If you're not sure which type of leader role you have, you'll need to know when completing your 4-H Online registration. See the descriptions below:

**Club Leader (Direct & Ongoing)** - This is for primary leaders or co-leaders of clubs/groups. This leader type will grant you access to club information in 4-H Online. (This is the "Organizational" Leader role.) Once club leaders are enrolled and approved, they will be given access to login in to 4-H Online and see their club's information.

**Club Leader Assistant (Direct & Ongoing)** - This is for an assistant club leader. This will grant you access to club information in 4-H Online. (This is a leader who assists the Organizational Club Leader, but is not the point of contact for the club.)

**Project Leader (Direct & Ongoing)** - This is for volunteers who lead (or meet regularly for) a specific project area within a 4-H club.

**Group Volunteers (Direct & Ongoing)** - This is for volunteers who interact with youth in public or group settings (This is the "Activity" Leader role).

- ★ If you have any questions or want to be a new volunteer in our 4-H program, please reach out and we will be happy to point you in the right direction.  
You can email [mahaska4h@iastate.edu](mailto:mahaska4h@iastate.edu) or 641-673-5841.



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## Clover Kids– HELP NEEDED!



Clover Kid registration is open NOW via 4-H Online. **Clover Kid meetings will begin officially in November. We still need volunteers for several clubs. The Iowa 4-H requirement is 6 kids for every adult.**

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. NEW this year, children who are enrolled in Kinder-Prep that are 5 years old can enroll. Anyone enrolled in Kindergarten-3rd grade students are eligible. **If you are willing to volunteer for Clover Kids for 2023-2024, we are still looking for volunteers! These volunteers are not required to plan meetings or spend extra time, but only to stay during the meetings to assist with activities.**

- ★ **Oskaloosa Clover Kids** (meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 at the Extension Office)  
This club needs **1-2 volunteers**
- ★ **Oskaloosa Christian Clover Kids** (meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 3:15-4:15pm at the Christian School): This club needs **1-2 volunteers**
- ★ **Cedar Livestock Clover Kids** (meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:15 pm at the Fremont Community Church) This club needs **1-2 volunteers**
- ★ **Eddyville Clover Kids** (meets the 1st Thursday of each month from 3:15-4:15pm at the Eddyville Elementary School): This club needs **1-2 more volunteers.**
- ★ **North Mahaska Clover Kids** (meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00 at Friends Church in New Sharon) This club needs **1 more volunteer**
- ★ **Harrison Hustlers Clover Kids** (meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at EBF High School. This club needs **1 more volunteer**
- ★ **North Mahaska Clover Kids** (meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Friends Church in New Sharon): This club needs **1-2 more volunteers.**

All new volunteers will need to complete a background check and training depending on the role of the volunteer. Clover Kids volunteers can be anyone that has a passion in working with our youth of younger ages such as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles. You name it! Clover Kids is a unique program because the Extension Office puts together the plans including kits and snacks for the program and your role as a volunteer is to carry out the meeting based on the plans.

Interested in participating or volunteer for Clover Kids in 2023-2024? Contact Laura Ayala at [lkayala@iastate.edu](mailto:lkayala@iastate.edu) or call 641-673-5841.



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## Honor Council

4-H Honor Council applications were due **September 1**. The new Honor Council members will be notified by Megan Versteeg. We are still working out the details on meeting dates and will keep all Honor Council members up to date. Remember that the \$35.00 4-H enrollment fee for all Honor Council participants will be waived! Honor Council members will be required to attend at least 75% of the club's meetings and/or activities and assist with at least 4 events at the county fair.

## County Awards & Record Books

**County Award Applications & Record Books are due  
Friday, October 6, 2023!**



The Mahaska County 4-H Record Book and Award Applications are available at the Extension office and on our website listed at the top of this page. Some applications and record book forms are changed from previous years, so please be sure you're using the correct form this year. Forms can be found on our website. Any 4-H member may apply for 4-H awards as long as they meet the minimum criteria for the award in which they are applying. Record Books must be completed in order to apply for county 4-H awards. Record Book and Award Applications are due **Friday, October 6, 2023 @ 12:00 PM (noon)**

**Record Book Checklist Link:**

[Use this Link](#)

**Award Applications & Other Record Book Worksheets Link:**

[www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms)

## Saddle Club Trail Ride



Pioneer Ridge in Ottumwa

Saturday

October 14, 2023 @ 2:00 pm

Our Horse Superintendents have scheduled a trail ride. This will count towards attendance to qualify riders to exhibit at the 2024 Southern Iowa Fair. Check out the [Mahaska County FFA & 4-H Horse Project](#) for more information. If you are new to the Horse Project, or are not a member, please join this Facebook page for important information on Horse Project Clinics and Ride nights. Any 4-H member attending this ride must be ACTIVELY enrolled in 4-H Online BEFORE the ride. All youth MUST wear helmets when riding.

Contact Marcy Wanders at 515-238-2607 if you have questions or need more information.



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## Shout Out!



A 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! 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. The address is below.

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



## Thank You



Dear Mahaska County 4-H!  
THANK YOU to <sup>the</sup> many members, leaders  
& parents who volunteered to help at our  
Many Little Farm Hands children's activity  
at the Southern Iowa Fair! There was a  
steady flow of children throughout the day  
& we couldn't have done it without all the  
wonderful volunteers!  
We are so appreciative of your  
support!  
Mahaska County Farm Bureau  
Jill DeBruin - Outreach Coordinator  
Karen Adams - Ag in the Classroom  
Coordinator

## 2024 Youth Heifer Program—First State Bank

Applications for the First State Bank 2024 Youth Heifer Program are due October 30, 2023. The purpose of the program is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding bred heifers to program recipients chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the heifers. Youth from Jasper, Poweshiek, Mahaska, and Wapello counties are eligible. First State Bank will grant 3 students three bred heifers each. The program will span 5 years and during this time, recipients are responsible for the management of the herd to include daily care, records, and breeding. At the conclusion of the 5 years, recipients are responsible for paying back the market value of the three bred heifers as determined at the time of receipt. For more information and the application form email Sylvia Brown [sbrown@fsbankia.com](mailto:sbrown@fsbankia.com). Or stop by the ISU Extension and Outreach of Mahaska County office.



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## SAVE THE DATE.... 4-H Awards Event

# 4 – H Awards on November 5

Mahaska County Extension Auditorium

212 N “I” Street

Oskaloosa

Sunday, November 5, 2023 1:00 pm



## LAST CALL: Newsletter by Mail

If you would like to receive the monthly 4-H newsletter by mail, please pay the \$15.00 annual subscription fee to the Extension office **by Friday, October 13, 2023**. We will add you to our mailing list for the upcoming year to include 11 monthly issues (July and August are combined). An annual subscription is good from October 2023-September 2024.

## Correspondence Preferences

As you are enrolling for 2023-2024 4-H program; please make sure to have a family email listed in your profiles. The Extension office sends important information through email broadcast through 4-H online and the best way to ensure you are receiving these emails is to have an email entered in your family profile. Families (including members and volunteers), please log into 4HOnline to update your family's correspondence. After you log in to your family account, please click the “Edit Family” button within the gray rectangular box.

## 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](#).



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