

Mahaska County 4-H News

September 2023



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Newsletter Mailing

The cost of postage is going up, so the newsletter mailing is also increasing. As of October 1st, the price of having the newsletter mailed to your home will increase to \$15/11 issues. Remember that the newsletter is available for free on our website.

Office Hours

Don't forget the Mahaska County Extension office is operating under these office hours now:

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Office Closed - Our office will be closed on.:

- ♦ September 4, 2023 for Labor Day.
- ♦ October 2, 2023 to allow all staff to attend an area meeting.

Note: We currently have a vacancy for our County Youth Coordinator (CYC) position. Please be patient with us as things may take longer than normal.

Important Dates

September 1—4-H Enrollment starts & Honor Council Applications due

October 1-7 National 4-H Week

November 5—Awards Program 1:00—2:30

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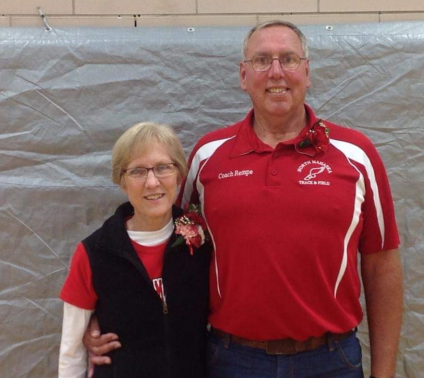
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Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame



Jerry and Kathleen Rempe were inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at the Iowa State Fair. Jerry and Kathleen Rempe have been dedicated volunteers to the Mahaska County 4-H program since 2000. Both Jerry and Kathleen have faithfully served as Bucket Bottle Goat & Sheep superintendents as well as 4-H Building Superintendents for our Agriculture and Natural Resources and Science, Engineering, and Technology project areas. Jerry and Kathleen both share a love for 4-H and have passed this love down through many generations. They have enjoyed watching and supporting their own children, and now get the opportunity to watch their grandchildren grow

through both livestock and static project areas. This love is evident in the support and encouragement they give to the Mahaska County 4-H program. We look forward to many more years of advice and commitment they will provide to the youth of Mahaska County. We thank them for their dedication to the Mahaska 4-H program.

Correspondence Preferences

As you start enrolling for 2023-24 4-H; 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.

2023 Iowa State Fair Results

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the Mahaska County 4-H members who participated in the 2023 Iowa State Fair. We are proud of all your hard work and dedication to your projects. State Fair Results can be viewed online at [Iowa State Fair Results | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-state-fair-results) <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-state-fair-results>

We still have State Fair projects that need to be picked up in the office. We also have some Southern Iowa Fair Projects to be picked up.

2023 4-H Awards Program

SAVE THE DATE

November 5, 2023 at 1:00—2:30



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4-H Record Book Check List

4-H encourages members to keep records and learn the skill of record keeping. Think of record books as the project member's first resume! All record book forms can be found on our website in the 4-H Fair and Award Forms tab. It can be also found at this link: www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms. Below is a check list that can be used to help you complete your record book. This check list is available for download on our website as well.

- ☐ **Cover** – A green 4-H cover is available at the Extension office or you may use a 3-ring binder in green, black or white: Divided by year, using tabs, current year on top.
- ☐ **Title Page** A new title page should be made each year. The title page helps describe you to others and should contain the following:
 1. Current photo of yourself
 2. Your name
 3. Name of your club
 4. Designate if you are a Junior, Intermediate or Senior 4-H member
 5. Years in 4-H: including summer 2023
 6. Grade that you completed in spring 2023
 7. Other information you choose to include that is unique to you.
- ☐ **4-H Record Keeping Self-Evaluation** (complete each year)
- ☐ **4-H Yearly Summary** – (complete each year) The form helps to summarize your participation in 4-H projects, local club group involvement, and your involvement in county, area and state levels
- ☐ **All project areas have a completed:** (Complete the record sheet for your correct age category.)
 - [Basic 4-H Record Sheet](#) (youth who have completed 4th-6th grade)
 - [Experienced 4-H Record Sheet](#) (youth who have completed 7th-9th grade)
 - [Advanced 4-H Record Sheet](#) (youth who have completed 10th-12th grade)

Include any information that supports the project, such as financial records, exhibit goal sheets/folders, pictures and newspaper clippings related to the work done in each project. These should be placed behind the project record. Label pictures and underline your name in news articles. If you participated in clothing or communications event, include any of your forms/comments from judges in the project area placed behind the project record.
- ☐ **Extra Worksheets** –
 - Photography** project record area needs to complete a [Photography Project Worksheet](#)
 - Horticulture/Garden** project record area needs to complete a [Vegetable Garden Project Worksheet](#)
 - All Livestock & Small Animals** project area need to complete [appropriate worksheet records](#)
- ☐ **General Support Material** Include pictures and clippings of non-project activities such as club meetings, camps, county and state fairs or other 4-H events you took part in. Label pictures and underline your name in news articles. **DO NOT INCLUDE: Feed Samples, Monthly Newsletters, Ribbons, Stall Cards, Ear Tags, Exhibit Entry Tag!**



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



Award Applications & Record Book Link:

www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms

- 1** Complete a Nominations Form: Each 4-H member must complete a Nomination Form for the awards in which they are applying. We will not have separate application forms for each award, only one nomination form.
- 2** Nomination Form should be put in front of your record book before turning in (either to your club leader/club volunteer or Extension office). **Note: this is a separate form from the rest of required record book documents.**
- 3** **Record Books are due for ALL awards again this year.** This means you will need to complete the correct record book sheets for each award that you are applying for.

Award Descriptions—Please read all of the details below to understand your eligibility for awards. For more detailed descriptions please see the back side of the nomination form.

- ☐ **General Project:** Any 4-H'er is eligible for a Project Award if the project has been enrolled in via 4hOnline and completed for the current 4-H year (September 2022-September 2023).
- ☐ **Special Project (Cash Awards):** Any 4-H'er who has enrolled in a project via 4HOnline and completed a project in any of the following areas may apply for a Special Award: Beef, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Horticulture, Dog, Goats, Poultry, Dairy, Llama, Photography, Clothing, Communications, and Senior Longtime Record Keeping.
- ☐ **Outstanding Member Level (Cash Awards):** Any 4-H'er with outstanding 4-H leadership, experiences, and projects is eligible. All outstanding awards require an interview; date TBD.
- ☐ **Outstanding Project Area (Cash Awards):** Any 4-H'er with outstanding projects in Agriculture & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Sciences, or Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mechanics is eligible.
- ☐ **Outstanding Project Area (Cash Awards):** Any 4-H'er who has completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade who has been active in all aspects of 4-H is eligible for the following: Citizenship & Civic Engagement, Leadership, Merit, Achievement, and Danforth "I Dare You" (must have completed 11th-12th grade).

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 by 12:00PM**



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Clover Kids

Clover Kid registration will be online this year via 4-H Online. Registration for Clover Kids will begin Monday, September 1. Clubs start meeting in November. 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. Clover Kid groups are based on school location. Unfortunately, children who are enrolled in Kinder-Prep are not eligible, only those who are registered with the school system as Kindergarten-3rd grade students are eligible. **If you are willing to volunteer for Clover Kids for 2023-2024, we are still looking for volunteers!** Interested in participating in Clover Kids for 2023-2024? Contact mahaska4h@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841. To find a listing of clubs available [Join 4-H | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Mahaska County \(iastate.edu\)](#) Or <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/join-4-h>

Honor Council

The 4-H Honor Council is for anyone in 8th-12th grade, not just current 4-H members. Anyone who joins the Honor Council can also be a member of another 4-H club or can join Honor Council independently. The \$35.00 4-H enrollment fee for all Honor Council participants will be waived with qualified attendance! Youth may apply for Honor Council or be nominated by a 4-H Leader. 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. Honor Council is led by Megan VerSteegh and will start meeting in October.

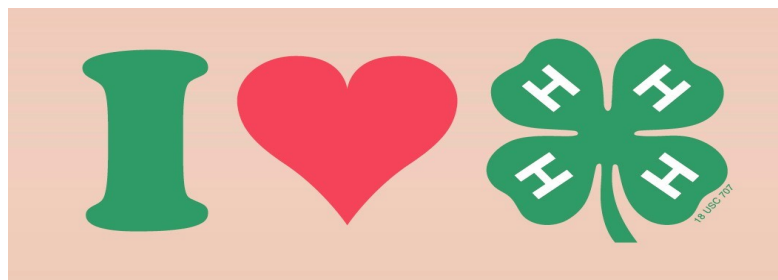
You can find more information on the Join 4-H page here... [Mahaska County Extension](#) (scroll to the bottom of this page).

2024 Beef Carcass Contest

We will be going to the Sully Locker July 1-3, 2024 for the Beef Carcass Contest. Spots are still available. If interested in signing up for Carcass Contest 2024, email mahaska4h@iastate.edu

National 4-H Week

Help us celebrate National 4-H Week; October 1st-7th, 2023. As more information comes available for National 4-H Week we will share with you. The theme for 2023 is



4-H clubs—Have your club pose for a photo with the logo above. Other ideas to get active during National 4-H Week: complete a community service activity on your own or with your club, invite a friend to your October 4-H Club meeting, put together a special activity for your October club activity, send a thank you to volunteers and mentors, ask a local business if you can display your 4-H projects for the week, the possibilities are endless!



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2022-2023 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Opens Monday, September 1, 2023

- ★ **Enrollment will open 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 | 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 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 May 15th, 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 to 4-H Online and see their club's information.

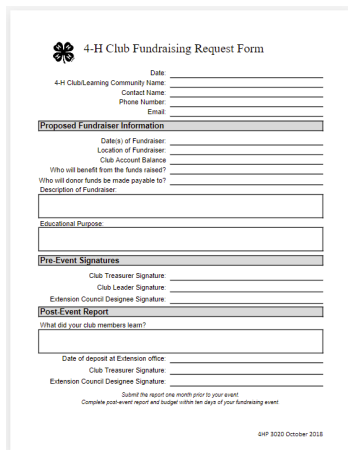
Club Leader Assistant (Direct & Ongoing) - This is for an assistant club leader. This will grant you access to club information in 4-H Online. (This is a leader who assists the Organizational Club Leader, but is not the point of contact for the club.)

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 or 641-673-5841.



Club Fundraiser Approval



The form is titled "4-H Club Fundraising Request Form" and includes a 4-H logo. It contains several sections for information entry: "4-H Club/Extension Community Name", "Contact Name", "Phone Number", "Email", "Proposed Fundraiser Information" (including Date(s) of Fundraiser, Location of Fundraiser, Club Account Balance, Who will benefit from the funds raised?, Who will donor funds be made payable to?, and Description of Fundraiser), "Educational Purpose", "Pre-Event Signatures" (Club Treasurer Signature, Club Leader Signature, Extension Council Designee Signature), "Post-Event Report" (What did your club members learn?), Date of deposit at Extension office, Club Treasurer Signature, and Extension Council Designee Signature. At the bottom, it states "Submit this report one month prior to your event" and "Complete post-event report and budget within ten days of your fundraising event". The date "SEP 2020 October 2018" is printed at the bottom right.

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 mahaska4h@iastate.edu. This is to comply with the Iowa 4-H Club Financial Policy. If you have any questions contact us at 641-673-5841.

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%.

4-H Deadline Policy

Every 4-H member is allowed 1 free pass in their 4-H career if they miss a county issued deadline. A second pass will be awarded at the cost of a \$100 late fee (this fee is in addition to any other associated fees). There will not be a third opportunity of forgiveness for a missed deadline. This exception does not apply to animal identification deadlines of February 1 (market beef), May 15 (all other animals), and any other state issued deadlines; these dates are set by Iowa 4-H and are non-negotiable. In cases of late fair entries, this exception will only be accepted if space allows for the entry. ***Mahaska County Extension Council Approved & Effective as of January 2023.***

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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