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County Awards & Record Books

The Mahaska County 4-H Award Applications will be available by August 7th. Some of the forms will change a bit this year, so please take note. Record Book forms are changing just a bit as well, so please be sure you're using the correct form. Forms will be available at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms and will be due with record books by Tuesday, October 1.

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.

We will hold a 4-H Record Book & Award Application Workshop on Thursday, September 12 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Extension office Auditorium. **RSVP is required by Friday, September 6.** We must have at least 5 RSVPs in to hold this workshop. RSVP by calling 641-673-5841 or emailing Amy at vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Iowa 4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.

Iowa 4-H Vision

Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.

Clover Kids Corner – New Year!

Clover Kids are on their yearly break. Clover Kids meetings will resume in October. Clover Kids is for any child in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. 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. Cost to join Clover Kids is \$25.00 for the year and includes a t-shirt, monthly activities, and snacks. We have Clover Kids groups that meet at the following locations each month from October-May. We are looking for adult volunteers to lead several groups, if you are interested, please let us know soon.

Locations for Clover Kids meetings are at the Extension office, Eddyville Elementary, Fremont School, First Christian Church in New Sharon, and Oskaloosa Christian School.

We must fill our volunteer needs in order to hold Clover Kids at the locations listed above, so please let us know if you or someone you know is interested in being a leader.

What's in the box?!

Each month we'll provide each Clover Kids group with a tote full of themed lessons, materials, snacks, and more! All we need is volunteers to lead the activities. Several times each year, guest speakers will come in to present on topics related to the theme.

Learn more about Clover Kids by calling or emailing Ashtin Harris at 641-673-5841 or acharris@iastate.edu.

Correspondence Preferences

Please be sure to have all of your contact information updated in 4hOnline. 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. You can select email or mail correspondence.

Superintendent Openings

Do you have knowledge in Sheep, Meat Goats, or Beef?
We're looking for volunteers to become superintendents!

1 for Sheep, 1-2 for Meat Goat, & 1 for Beef

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.

Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Gary Verploegh, who is being inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame for Mahaska County on **Sunday, August 18**. The induction ceremony will take place in the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Iowa State Fair, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Gary most recently served as the Chairperson on the Mahaska County Ag Extension District Council and has assisted with numerous 4-H activities and events over the past 15 years. He has served as a Meat Goat Superintendent, Fair Board member, and 4-H parent. Gary and his wife, Karen, recently started sponsoring a Mahaska County 4-H Scholarship for senior 4-H members.

New Llama Project Requirements

Anyone who plans to lease a llama from Merle Mann and participate in the Southern Iowa Fair in the new 4-H year will be required to attend 80% or more of the practice times to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. A full list of practice dates can be found at the Extension office or by calling Merle at 641-295-2740.

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All Superintendents Meeting

We will hold a county-wide Superintendent meal & meeting on **Thursday, September 12** at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium at the Extension office. We will serve pizza & dessert, review the 2019 Southern Iowa Fair, Rules/Regulations, Workshops/Clinics, and scheduling details. We will set individual planning meetings for superintendents during this meeting, if necessary. Individual planning meetings will be held throughout the months of October-November. We will focus on specific rules/regulations, the fair rule booklet, finding fair judges, and setting the fair show schedules, as well as planning any potential workshops/clinics for the 2019-2020 4-H Year. **If you are planning to attend the September 12 meeting, please call Amy at 673-5841 or email vermeerA@iastate.edu by Sept. 6.**

4-H Enrollment Starts September 1

Please do not enroll new members or try to re-enroll yourself until AFTER September 1, 2019. We are still in the 2018-2019 4-H Year until September 1.

Workshops for the New 4-H Year

Are you interested in learning about a particular project area? Do you have a skill you'd like to share? We are currently taking suggestions for workshops/clinic opportunities and are working to organize workshop presenters. Contact Amy if you have any ideas or would like to be a presenter at 641-673-5841 or vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show

If you are planning to exhibit at the Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show in Nebraska this fall, please visit www.aksarbenstockshow.com. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to register for Ak-Sar-Ben before **August 31**.

Amy's Vacation

Please note that Amy will not be available during the Iowa State Fair (August 8-18) as she will be on vacation. If you need immediate assistance during normal business hours, please call 641-673-5841.

4-H Honor Council

LOTS OF GREAT CHANGES! The 4-H Honor Council is taking place of the 4-H Teen Council. This group is open to 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 4-H enrollment fee for all Honor Council participants will be waived!

We intend to be active throughout the county, not just in Oskaloosa. If you have any projects you would like Honor Councils assistance with, please contact Amy Brainard at vermeerA@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841. Honor Council will start up in October. Youth may apply for Honor Council or be nominated by a 4-H Leader. Application information can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/4h. 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. The Honor Council will be led by Amy Brainard and Megan Ver Steegh.

4-H Day at the Iowa State Fair August 9!

Check out the Iowa 4-H booth on the grand concourse during the Iowa State Fair on Friday, August 9th! Take part in the interactive exhibits, watch Iowa 4-H'ers sharing their talents, and register as an Alumni to receive 4-H Day discounts. Learn more at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/iowa_4h_alumni/iowa_4h_day_at_the_iowa_state_fair/.

Southern Iowa Fair 4-H & FFA Sponsors

THANK YOU to all of the 4-H & FFA Youth Shows Fair Sponsors for the 2019 Southern Iowa Fair. We were able to cover the cost of 4-H & FFA judges, member premiums, and ribbons, trophies, & awards. Without your generosity the fair would look significantly different. We appreciate your support!

Clubs and Chapters will be receiving a list of sponsors to send thank-you notes to, please send your notes in a timely manner.

County 4-H Awards

The Mahaska County 4-H Awards process has changed this year. Please read all of the details below to understand your eligibility.

Nomination 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 this year, only one nomination form. This was a much-appreciated change last year.

RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE FOR ALL AWARDS AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Award Options

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 2018-September 2019)

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, Meat Goat, Poultry, Dairy, Llama, Photography,

Communications, and Senior Longtime Record Keeping

Outstanding Level *Cash Awards!*

Any 4-H'er with outstanding 4-H leadership, experiences, and projects is eligible.

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

Overall Outstanding Senior-Level Awards *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)

Major
Cash
Award!

Completed record books are due with the nomination form by

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

4-H Record Books

Record Books are not longer required, but are strongly recommended by the county. Clubs may have their own requirements, so please check with your leaders.

4-H encourages members to keep records and learn the skill of record keeping. Record Books are your first resume! 4-H'ers should develop a record keeping system that includes:

- Completion of a 4-H record for at least one project
- Completion of a Yearly 4-H Summary or 4-H Story
- Visiting with your leader(s) about your projects

4-H record keeping forms are available at the Extension office and online at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/4h, in the tan colored box on the lower right side, "4-H Fair & Award Forms". Through whatever record keeping system a 4-H member chooses, it should reflect goals, accomplishments, what was learned, and future plans. If you would like to keep your records in a green 4-H record book cover, those are available at the Extension office for \$5.00 each. You may also use a 3-ring binder or scrapbook for printed records. We also have an electronic format available that can be given out on a CD or shared on Google.

Another electronic 4-H record system is the 4hOnline Record Book at <https://rb.4honline.com>. You will find the area for Iowa 4-H and click Sign-in, then login using your 4hOnline credentials. A Help Sheet has been created to walk you through this online process. Contact Amy to receive the Help Sheet at 641-673-5841 or vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Some of the record book forms have changed this year, so please double-check what you have saved on your computer. We have also added a Market Broiler Worksheet for Poultry and a Clover Kids Basic Project Worksheet for those who would like to start working on records for Clover Kids. Please make sure that you are using the correct form for your age. We have a Junior worksheet for market and breeding animals that can be used by those who have completed 4th-6th grade. 7th-12th graders will use the regular market and breeding animal worksheet.

Thank you to the Mahaska County 4-H Record Keeping and Recognition Task Force for helping to simplify record books and award applications last year!

Post-Fair Information

Auction Checks will be mailed from the Southern Iowa Fair Office. If you have any questions about your auction check, please call the Fair Board Office at 641-673-7004, 4-H is not responsible for the auction.

Hog Checks for pigs sold on the truck during the fair will be mailed within the first 2 weeks of August.

Thank You Notes

ALL 4-H & FFA members who participated in the Southern Iowa Fair should send a thank you to the **Southern Iowa Fair Board** at 615 North I Street in Oskaloosa, IA 52577. A lot of hard work goes into preparing for and holding the fair. Don't forget to thank **Key Coop** and the **MCARD/Mahaska Farm Bureau** for sponsoring two different BBQs. If you enjoyed a plate of pancakes on Wednesday of the fair, then you have the **Oskaloosa FS** to thank. All beef exhibitors should send a thank-you to the **Mahaska County Cattlemen's Association** for the free burger during the beef show. If you enjoyed a free meal during the Swine Show, please send a thank-you to **Channel Seed** attn.: Clint Long. Leaders who picked up a free shirt can thank **JCM Mutual**.

DON'T FORGET about thanking donors. Each club and FFA chapter will receive a letter very soon explaining the process for thanking our donors, along with the name of the person/business to send a thank-you to.

A complete list of addresses is below:

- Key Coop—PO Box 250 Sully, IA 50251
- MCARD—222 1st Avenue East Oskaloosa, IA 52577
- Mahaska County Farm Bureau—214 North G St. Oskaloosa
- Channel Seed—Clint Long—3189 Teller Ave. Oskaloosa, IA
- FS—2305 Hwy. 23 Oskaloosa, IA 52577
- Mahaska County Cattlemen's Association c/o Moores
3289 160th Street What Cheer, IA 50268
- Southern Iowa Fair Board—615 North I St. Oskaloosa, IA
- Auction Buyers—will be listed on your auction checks or can be found by calling the Fair Office at 673-7004
- JCM Mutual—PO Box 430 Fairfield, IA 52556
- 4-H LEADERS/FFA ADVISORS for all of their help!!!

None of these opportunities would have been available to you without the above listed groups/individuals, please thank them!

State Fair Exhibit Information

ALL STATE FAIR EXHIBITS (selected at county fair) must be turned in to the Extension office no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, August 2 (with the exception of food items, which must be in by 10 AM on Tuesday, August 6). All exhibits must be checked in at the Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibits Building by 2:45 PM on Tuesday, August 6. Kristi Roose & Amy will bring exhibits to the State Fair (except for those who have already made arrangements) and staff will bring exhibits home from the fair on Monday, August 19 (except for those that were taken up on their own, or other arrangements were made before state fair). Please note that food exhibits are rotated during the fair, so you may want to check before heading to Des Moines. Any of the aides in the 4-H Building will be able to look up when your prepared food exhibit will be on display. **Please do not pick your exhibit up on the last day of the state fair without first making arrangements with Amy**—it seriously is easier to just let Amy check it out on Monday, again, unless you brought it up on your own or made prior arrangements with Amy. All exhibits must be checked out and accounted for. When exhibits disappear without Amy being aware, it causes some issues!

Communications at State Fair

Congratulations to all who participated in the 4-H Communications Events during the Southern Iowa Fair, you each did a wonderful job! Please show your support to the 4-H'ers advancing to the Iowa State Fair by attending their presentations in the 4-H Exhibits Building.

Educational Presentations:

Thursday, August 8 AM—Abby Drost
Thursday, August 8 PM—Ally Nolan
Tuesday, August 13 PM—Teale Pose
Saturday, August 17 AM—Addison Beane
Saturday, August 17 PM—Mason Beane

Share-the-Fun:

Thursday, August 8 5 PM—Grace Marshall
Tuesday, August 13 5 PM—Ally Nolan
Saturday, August 17 5 PM—Anthony Goemaat

Working Exhibits:

Thursday, August 8 PM—Megan & Anna Eveland
Monday, August 12 AM—Teale Pose
Tuesday, August 13 PM—Nicole Edgren & Ally Nolan
Saturday, August 17 AM—Abby Drost

Extemporaneous Speaking:

Tuesday, August 13 AM—Trisha Van Donselaar
Sunday, August 18 AM—Grace Marshall

Iowa State Fair Exhibits

Congratulations to those who have been selected to have exhibits in the 4-H Building at the Iowa State Fair!

Animals

Trenton Van Zee – Training a Dog Project

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Tieron Lamberson – Water Fountain, Anna Eveland – Repurposed Plant Stand

Science, Engineering, & Technology

Morgan Schippers – Turkey Fantail Holder, Tyler Bayliss – Oil Drain System, Lane Bayliss – Welded Shop Table, Nathan Groenendyk – Wooden Round Side Table, Addison Beane – Recycled Cello Shelf, Mia Shilling – Cast Iron Painted Butterflies, Veronica Bolibaugh – Mailbox Stand

Photography

Teale Pose – photo of yellow flower close up, Maddie Van Utrecht – photo of floodwaters with bikes & signs, Katherine Wielard – photo of barn, Clayton Hol – photo of barn in winter, Nicole Edgren – photo of sparrow, Megan Eveland – photo of airplane wing & ocean coastline, Olivia Stodghill – photo of Mt. Rushmore, Shelby Seddon – photo of building in Rome, Italy

Home Improvement

Lindsay Breon – Leather Chair, Bryce Roquet – Windmill decor, Ireland Burress – Tire Pet Bed, Courtney Van Donselaar – Jute & Fabric Basket, Macy Schroeder, Pipe & Cedar Windchime

Clothing & Sewing

Lydia Zylstra – Attic Window Quilt, Bethany Van Donselaar – Jelly Roll Quilt, Myra Bogatzke – Triangle Quilt

Personal Development

Jefferson Go-Getters 4-H Club – Pergola service project, Grace Marshall – Oskaloosa & Family History Poster

Child Development

Abby Drost – Child's Travel Kit, Lexi Van Utrecht – Indoor Snowballs

Visual Arts

Troy Mann – Guitar Poster & Story, Allie Van Donselaar – Red & Blue Crackle Pour Painting, Katelyn Vos – Flower Pencil Drawing, Sam Seddon – Wolf Sketch, Amaia Agre – Mandala Painted Rocks, Sarah Carman – Car with Sunset Painting

Consumer Management

Kaylee Bandstra – DIY Dog Toys

Food & Nutrition

Ella Van Waardhuizen – Place setting, Ella Hartwick – Angel Food Cake, Katy Roose – Banana Bread, Katie Pollock – Wheat Rolls, Riley Braafhart – French Macarons, Erica DeBruin – Zesty Orange Flaxseed Gluten Free Muffins

Herdsmanship Contest Results

Part of a 4-H or FFA member's responsibilities during the fair is to take care of their animal(s) and to keep their club's area in the barns clean. Herdsmanship is a team effort. All-in-all, the exhibitors did a fantastic job again this year. Members were judged once per day, except on their check-in and show days. The top clubs listed below will receive a special premium. **The top individuals listed below may stop by the Extension office to pick up a trophy and have their photo taken for the newspaper.** Trophies will be available for pick-up until October 1, then they will be recycled for use next year. Please note that a couple of clubs lost their Club Herdsmanship recognition due to not signing in for Hall Monitoring.

Results are as follows:

BEEF

Adams Champs

Rylee Poe

SHEEP

Agri-Power FFA

Nathan Roberts

BOTTLE GOAT

WDM Livewires

Myra Bogatzke

BOTTLE LAMB

Garfield Boosters

Lucas Roberts

BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF

Mahaska Masters

Megan Veenstra & Courtney Van Donselaar

POULTRY

Cedar Livestock

Ephraim Van Zante

RABBIT

Garfield Boosters

Lucas Roberts

ADVANCED CATTLE

Cedar Livestock

Eden Van Zante

ADVANCED LAMBS

Mahaska Masters

Trace Hol

SWINE

North Mahaska FFA

Erica DeBruin

DAIRY COWS

Oskaloosa FFA & Jefferson Go-Getters

Cody Randell

DAIRY GOATS

Jefferson Go-Getters

Clayton Hol

HORSE

Oskaloosa FFA

Katelyn Vos

MEAT GOAT

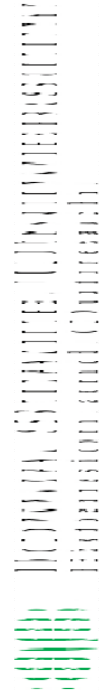
Agri-Power FFA

Jatin Moore

MYOTONIC (FAINTING) GOAT

Adams Champs

Tieron Lamberson



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Congratulations on a very successful county fair!