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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.

4-H Enrollment is open!

NOW is the time to enroll in 4-H! 4-H enrollment and re-enrollment must be completed online at <https://iowa.4honline.com> (no www. & don't forget IOWA before 4honline.

Members have until January 1, 2020 to RE-enroll and still have eligibility to exhibit at the fair, this is a Mahaska County 4-H policy.

HELP SHEETS for re-enrolling and new families are available at the Extension office and online at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska. New families include those who have never been enrolled in 4-H or Clover Kids in the state of Iowa. Anyone who has previously been involved already has a profile. **Please DO NOT create a new account, even if your email has changed.** Call the Extension office at 641-673-5841 if you do not remember your email or if it has changed. Any accounts created where accounts exist are required to be deleted. *(continued on page 6.)*

Clover Kids Corner – New Year!

Clover Kids is starting back up this month and we are so excited for the new year! We will focus on topics ranging from dinosaurs and rockets to pumpkins and animal habitats!

We still have openings for the North Mahaska afterschool group. The evening group for North Mahaska has been cancelled. The rest of the groups are full. **Please note that we are able to add more children to the groups if we confirm more adult volunteers. Our ratio is one adult per six children.**

If you'd like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact 4-H Youth Program Assistant, Ashtin Harris at 641-673-5841 or acharris@iastate.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: Area Leader Retreat

The Region 14 Youth Staff are planning an area 4-H & Clover Kids Leader Retreat to be held on Saturday, February 29 at the Marion County Extension office in Knoxville. Details TBA!

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. Enrollment is a great time to update your information. Be sure that your info is correct in your Family Account and individual profile!

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GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY DURING

GIVE  GROW

IOWA 4-H

OCTOBER 8, 2019
12AM - 12AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

IOWA4HGIVINGDAY.ORG

Superintendent Openings

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

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

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.

Maker Monday Sessions Scheduled!

Maker Monday is for anyone in 4th-12th grade. Sessions will be held on one Monday per month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Extension office. There is no cost to attend Maker Monday. *Registration is required by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before each session. 5 RSVPs are required to hold each session.*

Monday, October 7—Making with Power Tools

Safety precautions and building with wood, handsaws, drills, sandpaper, and more! Make your own mini project!

Monday, November 11—Making through Technology

MaKey MaKey, Hummingbird robotics, Merge Cube, Cubelets, Scratch 3.0, and Microbits stations

Monday, December 9—Making DIY Lighted Stockings!

Sew your own stocking and light it up with conductive thread, button batteries, and mini LED lights! This workshop may take longer than 1 hour.

Register by calling 641-673-5841 or emailing Amy at vermeerA@iastate.edu.

4-H Honor Council

We have an AMAZING group of individuals on the Honor Council this year! They will be involved throughout Mahaska County, so if you know of any projects you'd like their help with, please do not hesitate to contact the Extension office at 641-673-5841 or vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Our first meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 PM** in the 4-H Room at the Extension office. Members are asked to bring a pumpkin with them to decorate. Decorations will be provided but can also be brought in by the members. Decorated pumpkins will be on display at the Extension office until **October 25**. The public is encourage to stop by the office to vote for their favorites. Votes are \$1.00 each. The funds raised will go into the Honor Council account to help cover future event expenses.

IGNITE Retreat for High School Youth

Address your Stress at the Ignite Retreat on **October 19-20** at Clover Woods Retreat Center in Madrid (near Ames). This retreat is for high school youth and led by high school youth. Camp will include a climbing wall, zip lining, yoga, outdoor cooking, hiking, workshops related to finance and money management, nutrition and cooking, interviewing and resume building, sleep deprivation, and making smarter choices for your health. Register by **October 5th** at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ignite-retreat>.

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.

Enrollment (continued from cover)

Total cost to enroll in 4-H for 2019-20 is \$35.00. We have basic financial assistance forms available at the Extension office. You may stop in to complete the form to receive half off your enrollment fee. The maximum a family is required to pay is \$105.00; additional youth will be covered by the Mahaska County Extension Council. You may pay your club directly or mail/drop off payment to the Extension office. We are only able to accept cash or checks. Checks must be made payable to Mahaska County Extension.

Those who are RE-enrolling must be re-enrolled and paid for by January 1, 2020 to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair and Iowa State Fair in 2020.

Those who are new enrollees have until May 15, 2020 to register and pay the fee; however, attendance at club meetings and activities will not count until the fee has been paid and the member has been enrolled in 4hOnline (member in good standing).

REMINDER—Any youth (new or re-enrolling) must be in good standing to have fair exhibiting eligibility. This means that they are enrolled in 4hOnline and the fee has been paid to the club or Extension office.

New members must also complete the one-time-only Mahaska County Code of Good Conduct. This is separate from what is completed in 4hOnline and can be found at the Extension office, in the Mahaska County 4-H app, and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/content/mahaska-county-4-h-code-conduct-form>.

If you have any questions about enrolling or using 4hOnline, please do not hesitate to call 641-673-5841. The best browsers to use with 4hOnline are Firefox and Chrome.

Congratulations, Gary!

Gary Verploegh of Fremont was inducted into the 2019 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 18. Ninety-six Iowa counties participated this year and selected 135 inductees for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Inductees or their surviving family members were presented a certificate by the Iowa 4-H Foundation President, Curt Lang, State 4-H Program Leader, Debbie Nistler, as they were introduced on stage.

Gary has worn many different hats with Mahaska County 4-H, including parent, superintendent, Extension Council member, volunteer, and now grandpa. He was part of the pilot group for the transition to retinal imaging and continues to assist with retinal imaging today. Recently, he and his wife, Karen, established a Mahaska County Senior 4-H Scholarship. He enjoys seeing all of the ways that youth can be involved with 4-H and is happy to assist with many things 4-H and Extension has to offer throughout the year. Counties select inductees for their exceptional work in contributing to the lives of 4-H members and the overall 4-H program, said Amy Brainard, Mahaska County Youth Coordinator.

“We are honored to recognize these special individuals, for their advocacy and dedication to the Iowa 4-H program,” shared Iowa 4-H Foundation Executive Director, Emily Saveraid.

“This is a great way to honor the volunteers and staff across the state of Iowa that generously give their time and talents to foster positive partnerships with our 4-H youth,” said Tillie Good, Iowa 4-H stakeholder and partnership development manager.

The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was initiated in 2002 to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of 4-H. A summary of previous honorees was on display at the 2019 Iowa State Fair in the 4-H Exhibits Building. These summaries are also available at the Iowa 4-H Foundation office in the Extension 4-H Youth Building at Iowa State University. Information about previous inductees to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame also is available on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website, organized by year and by county. Go to www.iowa4hfoundation.org/ and select “Recognition” then “Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.” *(Gary’s photo is on the cover of this newsletter)*

Virtual 4-H Judges’ Training

If you’d like to become a 4-H Judge for static exhibits, consider registering for the Virtual 4-H Judges’ Training sessions this month! To register, visit <https://qrgo.page.link/R7hvZ>. All sessions will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

October 3rd—New 4-H Judges Orientation
October 10th—Personal Development
October 17th—Woodworking
October 24th—Photography

Mahaska County Code of Conduct

Every 4-H member in Mahaska County is required to complete the Mahaska County 4-H Code of Good Conduct form one time. Re-enrolling members have their forms completed. New members have until May 15, 2020 to complete their form. Forms can be completed electronically through the webform at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/content/mahaska-county-4-h-code-conduct-form>, in the Mahaska County 4-H App, or a paper form can be completed. Please note that this only needs to be done ONCE EVER, not each year.

Club Recruitment Contest

We are challenging each 4-H club to recruit as many new members as possible again this year! We will award the club(s) with the highest percentage of growth based upon their 2018-19 numbers with an Ice Cream Party! **This contest will end on December 31, 2019.**

Club Fundraising Opportunity

Iowa 4-H clubs are invited to volunteer at Carver Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, cleaning up after events. Clubs can receive up to \$650 for their service. Volunteer groups are also welcome to attend the event FREE of charge! Volunteers must be 14+ years old. Volunteer groups of 10+ are needed for events. To learn more or to sign-up to volunteer, please contact Teresa Petrie with ServiceMaster 5 Seasons Janitorial at 319-364-1467 or tpetrie@servicemastercommercialcleaning.net.

National 4-H Week October 6-12

During National 4-H Week, the 4-H club with the most enrollments received in 4hOnline will receive some new 4-H merch and a surprise gift card!

As always, please wear your 4-H shirts with pride, especially during National 4-H Week!

NEW this year—Make-it-Monday! Make something using a new skill you've learned, like trying a new recipe, welding, sewing, running a saw, etc. Post pictures to social media using the following hashtags:

#StrongIowa #InspireKidsToDo #4HGrowsHere and tagging the 4-H : Mahaska County, Iowa Facebook page.

Thankful Thursday—Save the Date!

Thursday, November 7—6:30 PM—4-H Room

4-H'ers can stop in to make'n'take a few small gifts to give as tokens of appreciation to a friend, family member, or 4-H volunteer. After making gifts, participants will learn how to write thank-you letters and notes. There is no charge for Mahaska County 4-H'ers to attend. Any out-of-county 4-H'ers will be charged a \$5.00 materials fee.

Registration is due by November 1st to 641-673-5841 or vermeerA@iastate.edu. We must have at least 5 RSVPs in to hold this workshop.

Rescue Dogs for 4-H Projects

Second Chance Dog Rescue in Prole, Iowa has several large dogs in need of homes. The organization would like to donate dogs to youth interested in the 4-H Dog Project area. If you're able to provide a loving home to one of these dogs, please contact Denise at Second Chance Dog Rescue, secondchancedogrescueofiowa@gmail.com or visit <https://www.secondchancedogrescueofiowa.com/>.

Rabbit & Cavy Show in Washington

Rabbit exhibitors are invited to the first nationally sanctioned American Rabbit Breeders Association rabbit and cavy show in Washington, IA, on Saturday, November 2, beginning at 9:00 AM on the fairgrounds. Learn more by contacting Teresa Todd at 319-653-2450 or teresatodd@hotmail.com.



**MAHASKA COUNTY
4-H AWARDS**

CARNIVAL

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
6:00-8:00 PM
BRADBURY HALL
NELSON PIONEER FARM**

Games & Prizes

Snacks & Awards

Please bring baked items or pre-packaged snacks/juice boxes for the Bake & Snack Walks

Hot Cocoa & Coffee Bar Provided

Outstanding Awards Presentation at 7:00 PM

RSVP by November 1 at 673-5841

Presented by the Mahaska County 4-H Honor Council

We are livening up our awards event this year! This event is open to anyone who would like to attend to learn more about 4-H and the Mahaska County 4-H Awards. Recipients of Project Awards, Special Project Awards, Club Officer Awards, Make a Difference Awards, and Major Ag & Natural Resources, Major Family & Consumer Sciences, and Major Science, Engineering, & Technology Awards will be announced at the game stations. Outstanding Awards and Leader Tenure Awards will be presented on stage. Please bring baked items or pre-packaged snack items/juice boxes for the Bake & Snack Walk games. RSVP by November 1 to the Extension office.

Important Club Financial Information

As new Club Treasurers are being elected, we want to post a few reminders for 4-H Clubs.

- The monthly statement will be emailed to whomever the club would like them to be emailed to, please be sure to provide names & emails to Amy at vermeerA@iastate.edu.
- When depositing funds, a signed deposit form MUST accompany the funds.
- If someone needs reimbursed or a bill needs to be paid for your club, please submit the check voucher request WITH receipts AND the club meeting minutes stating the amount and to whom the payment must be made to. We cannot process those payments until we have all of the needed documentation.
- Forms and additional details can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/club-support>, scroll down to 4-H Club Financial Management Forms.

4-H Club Programs

Each 4-H club is required to set their club's yearly program/calendar of events and turn it in to the Extension office by **November 1, 2019**. This is a state required document that our staff will upload into the Manager side of 4hOnline. If your club needs a club program template, one can be found on our 4-H Club Support page at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/club-support>. Additional club forms and details can be found on this site as well.

4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy 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 that if members are part of an *additional* special-interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance combined for both will count toward the 75%.



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