



EMMET COUNTY Clover Connection

December 2023

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

December 5th: New
Member Meeting @
5:30 PM

December 9th: Beef
Weigh-in @ 8 AM—12
PM

December 25, 26, and
27th: Office closed for
Christmas

January 1st: Office
closed for New Years

February 1st: Deadline
for Market Beef to be
ID'd on 4-H Online

Hello all! We hope that you have had a good fall season and are ready for the upcoming winter! We want to congratulate all of those who participated in and received awards at the 4-H Fall Awards on Nov. 19th! Thank you to all who helped make the awards happen and for those in attendance as we celebrated the accomplishments of the 4-H clubs and their members!

Finally—enjoy this holiday season with your family and friends.

- Katelyn (CYC)

Beef Weigh-In—December 9th!

Date: December 9th

Location: Clyve Jensen's Farm at 5150 240th Street, Ringsted, IA
50578

Time: 8:00—10:00 AM for Non-Iowa State Fair Market Beef
10:00 AM—12:00 PM for Market Beef planning to attend the
Iowa State Fair

We will tag cattle **AT the weigh-in** as we are still waiting for tags to arrive at the office! Thank you for your patience with this!

Retinal imaging is required for market beef going to the State Fair. We will have retinal imaging from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and will cost \$5.00/head. Please call the Extension Office ahead of time if you plan to get retinal imaging done.

If you are unable to attend the Emmet County weigh-in, please contact the office so we can coordinate with another county.

Market Beef will need to be identified on 4-H Online by **February 1st!!**



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Get ahead and start on your record keeping!

Have you been attending club meetings? Have you been doing any club presentations, project work, or attending workshops? What leadership or citizenship activities have you been doing in the community?

If you have been doing anything in the questions above, you can fill out your Record Keeping Forms! Never too early to get a start on filling those out!

4-Her's are welcome to continue with traditional record keeping books or use the My 4-H Tracker.

Visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmet/record-keeping> to find more information about record keeping, awards, and scholarships.

You can find the My 4-H Tracker under Record Keeping Forms. Click to download the form and fill out everything you are participating in!

Iowa 4-H Scholarships Open December 1st!

The Iowa 4-H Foundation provides scholarships for current and former 4-H members who are encouraged to continue their education beyond high school. Scholarships open on December 1st. Applications are due at midnight of March 1st. Take advantage of this opportunity!

This link provides you with more information about the available scholarships, eligibility, and how to get started with the application process.

<https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/scholarships>

This link takes you directly to the sign-in page where you can log in or register for an account.

<https://iowa4h.awardspring.com/>

Looking for Assistance with 4-H Projects?

Are you looking to get an early start with 4-H projects?

Gary Myers is eager to help 4-Her's with their welding, woodworking, and other 4-H projects this year! Gary's workshop has a great amount of resources that 4-Her's can use for their projects and he is willing to assist them to create their project.

4-Her's must follow his two big rules for working on projects at the workshop:

1. Safety
2. Having Fun

Don't wait till last minute! Get creative! Please reach out to Gary at 712-209-0608 for more details and to schedule a time that works for you!



Ready, Set, YQCA!

4-H Members (4th-12th grade) will need to complete YQCA training by **July 1st** if you plan to exhibit any of the following animals at the Emmet County Fair:

Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, or Poultry

YQCA is to help youth learn about the best practices for raising and caring for livestock.

How to get certified?

Winter break is fast approaching. Get a head start and get your YQCA certificate online at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> For online certification, the cost is \$12 per youth.

If you already have an account, log in using your existing log in information. If this is your first time training with YQCA, create a new account. Select the course appropriate to your grade level, pass the test, and share the certificate with the office.

There will be a couple in-person trainings offered in June. Dates, times, and locations are TBD.

YQCA certification is **DUE July 1st.**

Questions? Contact Katelyn at kzh@iastate.edu or 712-362-3434.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

Registration is now open for the 2024 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip. The Citizenship Washington Focus is a program featuring national experts and leaders along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice, and building connections with teens from across the country.

It will be held June 13-23, 2024. All teens who are currently in 9th-12th grades are eligible to register for the trip to Washington, D.C. There are 32 seats available for teens. The trip will cost \$3000 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and most meals. Adult chaperones are needed as well.

Look for updates and registration information on the Iowa 4-H CWF webpage at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>

Deadline to register is Jan. 22nd.

Beef Bonanza—Save the Date

The Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza will be held on March 23, 2024 at the Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg, Iowa. This will be a full day of learning about different beef topics. All youth that come will be YQCA certified.

More details and registration to come!

Pioneer Seed Club Grant Application Now OPEN for 2024

Have a club project idea needing financial assistance? \$50-\$500 is available to 4-H clubs for their community improvement projects through Pioneer Seed Money grants. Applications are due to the county offices by January 16th and must be passed along to the state office by January 30th, 2024.

For application materials, tips, and more info, check out the website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>.

For questions, contact Madeleine Bretey-Smith at mbretey@iastate.edu

4-H Home Improvement Virtual Workshops

4-H members interested in exhibiting in the Home Improvement project area are encouraged to register to attend the upcoming virtual statewide 4-H Home Improvement workshops! This trio of workshop opportunities will empower 4-H members to explore the home improvement project area and practice technical skills related to developing their home improvement project work.

Registration space for workshops is limited, and youth will need to register to attend in [4HOnline](#) under the "Events" tab.

Dairy Goat Management Seminars

ANR's Dairy Team invites 4-H members to participate in this year's annual Dairy Goat Management Seminar on Friday, December 8, in Kalona, or on Saturday, December 9, in Sioux Center from 9:30 -3:15 each day. Youth will learn from dairy veterinarians and industry professionals through hands-on labs and sessions that focus on milk quality and functional type animals. There is no fee to attend the program, but registration is required online at: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4JvdlmI3LufiSYm

Learn more about the seminar online at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/dairy-goat-management-seminars-planned-northwest-and-eastern-iowa>

Questions? Send Dairy Goat Extension an email at dairygoatextension@iastate.edu

For more information visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/nutcracker-ballet-stem>

Nutcracker BALLET + STEM



Join us for a fun and FREE
Nutcracker Ballet + STEM Event!



Enjoy a FREE Mini-Performance of the Nutcracker Ballet

Live streaming and in-person options are available. Registration is required:
<https://www.center.iastate.edu/nutcracker-matinee-registration-form/>



Take Part in a STEAM Challenge

Mousetrap Challenge: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16330>

Costume Challenge: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16329>

Choreography Challenge: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/16585>

Circuit Challenge: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16584>

Light and Sound Challenge: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/16842>

This performance celebrates the magic of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). This event will be roughly 45 minutes in length with no intermission. It is designed for elementary aged youth (in particular grades 2-5) but could easily be modified for older or younger youth. All activities work to support a variety of literacy and STEM standards.

The Nutcracker Ballet tells the story of a young girl, a heroic prince, and the fantastic dream they share. Professional dancers Tanya Lynn Tombly and Mauricio Vera will join local Iowa dancers to perform in a Reader's Theatre style performance. Trombly and Vera will perform the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier, respectively.

Presented in partnership by:



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Youth Performance

Friday, December 8th

at 12:30 pm

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State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa

Do you love STEM? Do you enjoy learning about different things and researching more about them?

The State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa (SSTFI) is a great opportunity for youth (6th-12th grade) to research about a topic that interests them and share that information to others.

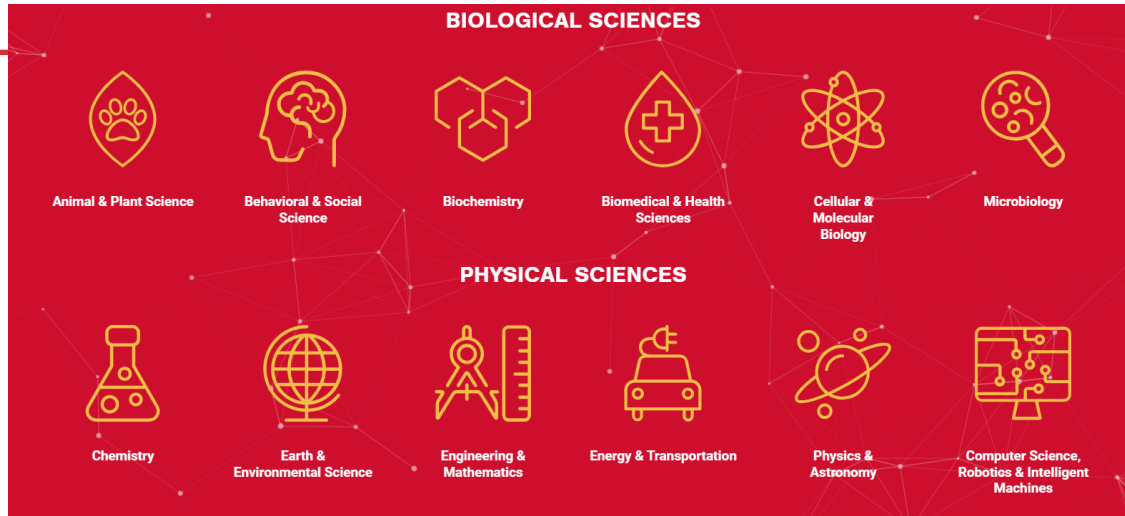
Youth are expected to follow the scientific method and create a display (like a project display board) that showcases what they have learned!

Registration opens December 1st! The SSTFI will be held on April 4th and 5th.

Visit: <https://sstfi.org/>

Have questions? Reach out to Director and STEM Program Specialist Alexa Groff at agroff@iastate.edu

Check out the topic areas below! The possibilities are endless!



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