



MARION COUNTY

4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

January

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- 8 Market Beef Weigh-in
- 20 4-H Foundation Mtg., 7:30pm
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February

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January 2022

Hello Families,

We are officially in the new year! We can't wait to see what 2022 will bring for 4-H! Our next project area we want to highlight will be: Family Consumer Science—Child Development.

This is a great project area for anyone interested in youth and how youth develop! Topics that can be learned!

- ⇒ Identifying safety hazards in your home
- ⇒ Finding appropriate toys for all ages
- ⇒ See what each stage means for youth.

Projects can range in every area such as Communication, Citizenship, etc.

- ⇒ How to make a Family Job Chart
- ⇒ Rating the safety of toys.

For more information visit:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/childdevelopment>





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Market Beef Weigh-in

When: *Saturday, January 8th. 9am-11am* at the Regional Livestock Mkt.

What: All market beef animals being shown at the Marion County and/or Iowa State Fair must be weighed in and tagged.

Weigh-in Fees:

⇒ State Fair Retinal Image Scan \$5/head

State Fair Information:

- ⇒ Retinal images will be collected for all animals that may possibly be exhibited at the State Fair .
- ⇒ **Plan to come between 10:15-11:00am if going to State Fair, this will help reduce wait time for those just getting tagged.**

After Weigh-in:

- ⇒ Youth must be enrolled in 4-H online in order to enter animals.
- ⇒ Families will be responsible for entering data into 4-H online by February 1st. Help sheets will be given at weigh in
- ⇒ An animal can ONLY be identified under ONE 4-H member
- ⇒ Once the animal data is put in, the animal will be “active”
- ⇒ All animal data MUST be in 4-H Online by **February 1st**
- ⇒ County Staff will verify and/or correct animal ID information after families enter data
- ⇒ Make sure to read the 4-H 202 publication– Animal ID & Exhibition Requirements: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>

EAR TAGS NEED TO BE CORRECTLY ENTERED!

- Make sure to put the “42” when entering.
- Enter as three letters followed by the number (Example Tag Enter as: JJS8481) .
- EIN Tags families must enter all 15 numbers on the tag. Please double check these tags when entering.

New Class: There will be a carcass contest class. Rules can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/news/new-beef-carcass-class>



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Junior Fun Night

- Save the Date!!!! Friday, February 18th 9:30-11:30pm at the Knoxville Rec Center.
- Open to youth in grades 4th-6th.
- Youth in 4-H can bring one junior friend not in 4-H.
- There will be basketball, volleyball, swimming, games and snacks!
- Registration information will come out soon!

2022 Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

- Applications are now open to apply for college scholarships
- Applications are due March 1st by 11:59pm.
- Youth must have 2 letters of recommendation
 - One from Extension Staff or 4-H volunteer and one from school/college academic advisor/teacher
- Only one application is needed for all of the Iowa 4-H scholarships
- You can apply for more than one scholarship but can only receive one per academic year!
- Visit the following link for hints and tips for apply, the criteria and application: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/
- I am here to help any youth with this process, if you would like help reach out! This is a great opportunity.

State 4-H Recognition

- State Recognition Applications are open for youth to apply! Applications are due February 1st. On the next page is a list of opportunities for youth to apply for.
 - Open to youth in grades 9th-12th
 - In person interviews are available Saturday, March 26th 9am-12pm and 12pm-3pm.
 - Video interviews will be available on Saturday, March 19th 9am-12pm or Tuesday, March 22nd 4pm-7pm.
 - Award are announced every year in mid April.
 - Youth will apply on 4-H online under Event Tab!



2022 State 4-H Recognition

State Recognition Opportunities

⇒ Opportunities you may apply for: More detailed explanations can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>

- ◆ **National 4-H Conference**
 - ◆ Week-long trip to our nation's capital in spring 2021
- ◆ **National 4-H Congress**
 - ◆ Five-day trip over Thanksgiving holiday to Atlanta, GA
- ◆ **State 4-H Council**
 - ◆ Year-long commitment working with state 4-H staff and planning the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
- ◆ **State Project Awards:**
 - ◆ Awarded to 4-Hers who showed mastery, leadership, communication and service in a specific project area.
- ◆ **State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador**
 - ◆ Year-long commitment promoting 4-H Shooting Sports around Iowa
- ◆ **Iowa 4-H Reporter Program**
 - ◆ Work with professional media mentors from TV, Radio & Newspapers to develop news media during the two weeks at the Iowa State Fair.
- ◆ **Iowa STEM Leadership Accelerator**
 - ◆ Work with the Iowa 4-H Astro Camp to design and lead an education STEM experience that is showcased at the Iowa State Fair.
- ◆ **Teen Equity Influencers**
 - ◆ Youth in grades 9th-11th work with adult mentors from across the state to promote mutual understanding and more.
- ◆ **Iowa 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors**
 - ◆ Work as a team to bring wellness initiatives to communities across Iowa.



Marion County

Fancy Poultry Project

We will be bringing the Fancy Poultry Project back for the 2022 Marion County Fair! We have 20 spots available in this project, don't wait till the last minute to sign up!

- Each member will receive 4 chicks; all female.
 - You will also receive a record book that needs to be completed by the 2022 Marion County Fair; this paperwork will be similar to bucket/bottle calf paperwork.
 - The 4-Her will not be told what types of chicks they have, it will be up to them to determine which variety they were given.
 - All birds will be standard sized chickens.
 - The 4-H member must exhibit 2 of the 4 birds at the Marion County Fair.
 - **All chickens will need to be picked up on February 21st from 1pm-4:30pm.**
- ⇒ Thank you to the Marion County Friends of 4-H and Youth Foundation! Because of their support, this project has no cost for the 4-H member other than general care for the poultry.

Please call the Extension Office at (641) 842-2014 or email marion4h@iastate.edu to sign up for this project!

Save the Date on Programs!

- ⇒ **March 15th– Babysitting Basics Course:** Youth will learn basics for caring for infants and up. We will cover feeding, changing, appropriate toys and more! This course will be open to 4th and up. We will have more details as we get closer!
- ⇒ **March 17th– Cooking Class–** Mindy will be back to teach a fun hands on cooking class! More details to come!

Basketball Tournament Update

- ⇒ Great news we are planning to have our tournament again this year!
- ⇒ We are in the process of contacting places to reserve a gym.
- ⇒ The dates we are looking at are Middle of March.
- ⇒ As soon as we hear back on a space and confirm the date, we will let all clubs know!
- ⇒ Please let me know if you have any questions!



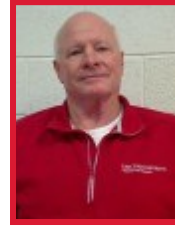
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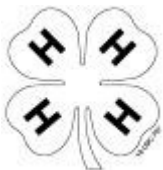
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