



MARION COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

January

- 3 Family Game Night
- 5 Extension Council Meeting
- 7 Beef Weigh-in
- 16 Extension Office Closed
- 19 4-H Foundation Mtg., 6:30pm
- 22 County Council Meeting— 4pm

February

- 2 Extension Council Meeting
- 20 President's Day Office Closed
- 24 Jr. Fun Night—9-10:30pm Knoxville Rec Center

January 2023

Hello Families,

We are officially in the new year! We can't wait to see what 2023 will bring for 4-H! To start off our new year we have a family game night planned for January 3rd!

Family Game Night:

- ◆ January 3rd 5:30-6:30pm at the Extension Office.
- ◆ Play Trivia and Bingo as a family!
- ◆ Bring the whole family
- ◆ No cost to attend
- ◆ Please send an email to ashtinw@iastate.edu if you plan to attend. If we don't have any interest by January 2nd we will postpone the event.



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4-H INFORMATION

Market Beef Weigh-in

When: Saturday, January 7th. 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 10:15-11am 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.



4-H INFORMATION

Junior Fun Night

- Save the Date!!!! Friday, February 24th 9-10:30pm 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!

2023 Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

- Applications are now open to apply for college scholarships
- Applications are due March 1s 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 open on January 1st. 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 25th 9am-3pm
 - Video interviews will be available on March 18th 9am-3pm or March 21st 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.

◆ 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.

Note: If you have any questions, please reach out. I am more than happy to sit down and walk through all these opportunities!



Marion County

Bucket of Junk

- ⇒ **We still have bucket of junk spots available.**
- ⇒ If you are interested, please call the Extension Office to reserve your spot.
- ⇒ The goal is to use the items in your bucket to create a sculpture or lawn art piece.
- ⇒ You will be asked to name your creation when you turn in the final exhibit.
- ⇒ You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that you are provided, but no pieces may be added.
- ⇒ Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member's exhibit write-up. .



Pioneer Seed Club Grant Apps Open

- ⇒ Do you have a club project in mind that you could use some financial assistance? Clubs can apply for 50-500 grants to help improve their community through a project.
- ⇒ Applications are due back to the Extension Office by January 25th, so we can get them off to the State 4-H office.
- ⇒ More information can be found: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>

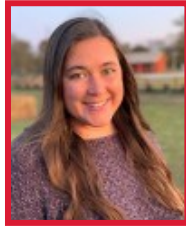
4-H Tournament Update

- ⇒ This year we are going to change things up and do a Dodgeball tournament instead of basketball.
- ⇒ We will get rules and updates out here very soon.
- ⇒ We are in the process of contacting places to reserve a gym.
- ⇒ The dates we are looking at the end 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!



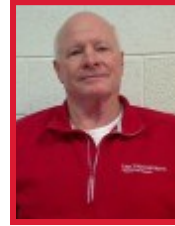
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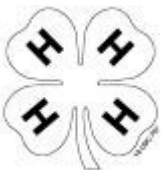
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