



MARION COUNTY

4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

January

- 4 Beef Weigh-in
- 14 Extension Council Meeting
- 16 Sewing Workshop Start
- 19 What's in Horse Feed Lunch N Learn
- 20 Office Closed
- 23 Robotics Competition Start
- 26 County Council Meeting– 4pm

February

- 1 Market Beef ID'd on 4-H online
- 11 Extension Council Meeting
- 15 Basketball—Melcher
- 17 President's Day Office Closed
- 23 Jr County Council– 3pm
- 23 County Council– 4pm

January 2025

Junior County Council Spotlight!

- ⇒ Meets Monthly February-July 3pm on the 4th Sunday of the month
- ⇒ Gain leadership skills and more
- ⇒ Work with County Council
- ⇒ Little Hands on the Farm
- ⇒ Give Youth Voice
- ⇒ Open to 4th-8th grade youth

Applications are now open:

- ⇒ Due February 3rd.
- ⇒ If selected 1st meeting will be February 23rd at 3pm.
- ⇒ Applications can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/join-4-h>
 - ⇒ Scroll to bottom of page
 - ⇒ Reach out if you want it emailed to you.



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4-H INFORMATION

4-H Basketball Tournament Update

- ⇒ The Basketball Tournament will be hosted at Melcher-Dallas High School
- ⇒ It will be a one day event on Saturday, February 15th.
- ⇒ Information on Rules, Roster have been sent to Club leaders!
- ⇒ We are looking forward to a great tournament.
- ⇒ Please let me know if you have any questions.



4-H Camera Corps

Open to all youth in 4-H!

Register via the events tab on 4-H online.

Each month is a different photography theme.

The top five juror and top five people choice will be printed, framed and shown in a gallery around the state of Iowa.

Each photo will receive feedback from the juror and mentors to provide tips and trick to keep improving your photography skills.

For more information go to the following: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-camera-corps>



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 29th 9am-3pm

Video interviews will be available on March 22nd 9am-3pm or March 25th 4pm-7pm.

Award are announced every year in mid April.

Youth will apply on 4-H online under Event Tab!



2025 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 2025. Share your perspectives on issues relevant to youth with national leaders and congressional members. Open to grades 9th-11th

♦ National 4-H Congress

- ♦ Trip to Atlanta, GA one day after Thanksgiving through the following Tuesday. Keynote speakers, service projects and more. Open to youth grades 9th-11th

♦ State 4-H Council

- ♦ Year-long commitment working with state 4-H staff and planning the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and more. Youth must be in grades 10th-11th.

♦ State Project Awards:

- ♦ Awarded to 4-Hers who showed mastery, leadership, communication and service in a specific project area. Receive up to \$125. Must be in grades 10-11 at time of application .

♦ State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

- ♦ Year-long commitment promoting 4-H Shooting Sports around Iowa. Youth must be in grades 10th-11th

♦ 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. Open to youth in grades 9th-12th

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

Apply now via 4-H online under the events tab. You create a one page resume. And a one page cover letter for each opportunity you wish to apply for! Samples can be found on the link listed above.



4-H INFORMATION

2025 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/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/scholarships>
- I am here to help any youth with this process, if you would like help reach out! This is a great opportunity.
- There is a new Scholarship for youth in Marion County– Ralph & Donna Dyer 4-H Scholarship . This is only open to 4-H or alumni from Marion County.

Do All The Good You Can

- ⇒ The State 4-H Council invites you to join the Do All the Good You Can statewide community service challenge! For the past six years, Iowans have collected pop tabs in honor of Jacy McAlexander, a former State 4-H Council member who passed away in 2018 from cancer. To honor Jacy's legacy and his belief that everyone should do all the good they can, we are expanding the challenge this year.
- ⇒ Every month, we will share a new theme to inspire clubs to take on meaningful community service projects. Each theme will include project ideas to help clubs get started. Participating clubs will log their community service hours, and the clubs and counties with the most service hours will be recognized at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in June.
- ⇒ Let's honor Jacy's legacy by giving back and making a difference across Iowa!
- ⇒ Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/isu4h/do-all-the-good-you-can-challenge>
- ⇒ Service Recording Form: <https://form.jotform.com/isu4h/DATGYC-challenge-record>



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January Opportunities

SEWING WORKSHOPS

Learn how to sew in these fun hands on workshops!
Taught by Mary Hanna and Kay Jensen



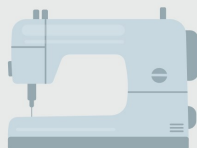
3rd Thursday of Month; January-April
Come anytime between: 4pm-6pm
@ Extension Office

Register via 4-H online

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Open to only 12 youth
Grades 4th-12th
\$5 for all 4 sessions

More Information : Phone: 641-842-2014 Email: Ashtinw@iastate.edu



WONDER ROBOTICS COMPETITION



JANUARY 23RD, FEBRUARY 27,
MARCH 27, APRIL 24



5:00PM-6:30PM



YOUTH WILL CODE
DASH THE ROBOT TO
COMPLETE 4 MISSIONS



\$5 PER YOUTH



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- Register via 4-H online under Events
- Open to the first 12 youth
- Geared towards youth grades 4th-7th

WHAT'S IN HORSE FEED LUNCH N LEARN

FREE
FOR ALL MARION 4-H
MEMBERS

COME LEARN ABOUT FEEDING AND CARING FOR YOUR HORSES. LEARN ABOUT FEED, VET CARE AND BRINGING YOUR HORSE OUT FROM WINTER

DR. PEGGY AUWERDA
IOWA STATE EXTENSION
EQUINE SPECIALIST



SUNDAY
19TH, JANUARY



1:00PM-2:00PM



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RSVP BY JANUARY 15TH TO ASHTINW@IASTATE.EDU

Questions call 641-842-2014



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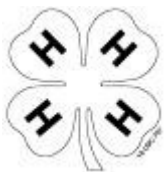
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