



September Marshall County News

Happy September Marshall County 4-H Families,

We are excited to start a new 4-H year! We are glad that 4-H clubs can start meeting again this fall, with precautions in place.

Inside you will find:

- Update on 4-H Enrollment
- Fall Craft Workshop
- Club Best Practices for meetings

If you need anything please do not hesitate to call Megan at mcarl@iastate.edu or 641-752-1551.

- Megan Carlson
4-H County Youth Coordinator

If you or someone you know what affected by the Derecho check out this informational ag meeting held next Tuesday with a variety of Ag specialists from ISU Extension and Outreach. Details in the flyer to the right.



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Marshall and Tama County Storm Damage Ag Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 pm



Iowa State Extension and Outreach is organizing a meeting bringing together ISU Extension Agronomy, Ag Engineering, livestock and insurance specialists. Speakers will cover assessing the crop, grain quality issues, and timing/plans for harvest given the condition of the crop as well as crop insurance information and more.

TOPICS & SPEAKERS

- **Crop Damage Assessments and Harvest Plans** - Meaghan Anderson, ISU Extension Agronomy
- **Livestock Issues Caused by the Storm** – Chris Clark, ISU Beef Specialist
- **Grain Storage/Handling** – Kapil Arora, ISU Field Agricultural Engineer
- **Working with Lenders & Current Grain Contracts** – Steve Johnson, ISU Extension Farm Management
- **USDA and NRCS** – Representatives from Marshall and Tama County
- **Crop Insurance Information** – Linda Kuhl and Ryan Pfantz from Mid Iowa Coop

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 pm
 Location: Central Iowa Fairgrounds – 1308 East Olive Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158
RSVP is requested:
 Marshall County to apleper@iastate.edu or call 641-752-1551
 Tama County to cbuene@iastate.edu or call 641-484-2703
 Space will be limited for spacing requirements.
 This event is free and open to the public.

Due to COVID-19 the meeting will abide by social distancing protocols and chairs will be placed accordingly. Face coverings are encouraged and will be available.

Tama & Marshall County

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4-H Online 2.0 Update from State 4-H Leader:

Dear 4-H Families:

First, thank you for all the resiliency you have shown the past several months. As you've navigated so many challenges, we hope 4-H has been one constant you have relied on, or you can rely on if you are new to the 4-H family!

We're excited to welcome all of you to the 2020-2021 program year! Some of our returning members may be very excited to get started on new projects, new learning goals, making new friends, and having new adventures.

One of our exciting changes for this year is 4-H Online 2.0. If you've been part of the 4-H family for a while, 4-H Online as we know it has been around since 2009. In the world of technology, that's a long time!

Here are some of the updates we are looking forward to:

- Mobile-friendly, so you can connect with 4-H Online when it's convenient for you!

- Updated technology on the back-end of 4-H Online

- Updated credit card processing systems for dues and event registrations.

- Ensuring 4-H Online, YQCA and FairEntry "talk" to each other seamlessly

- Accessibility for any member who uses assistive technology.

You should continue to expect the same features from 4-H Online as well:

- Your login and password should be the same so you shouldn't have to create new ones

- Collect needed health information on our members for their safety

- Track important data for our federal partners

- Sign-ups for clubs, project areas, and events

- Keep track of animal identification information

As with many major technology transitions, not everything has gone as well as we would hope. We are working diligently with the 4-H Online company, RegistrationMax. However, we do not think the system is working optimally enough to open it up for enrollment. Our goal is to have it ready as soon as we can in October.

In the meantime, your young people CAN participate and attend 4-H club meetings and activities. You may be asked to sign in, or your county may have other plans in place so that your family is covered by 4-H's insurance company.

Thank you for your patience, and we will provide an update when enrollment is open!

We will let you know when online registration opens up and is ready for you to enroll.

If you know of someone who is a new 4-H member have them contact Megan at the Extension Office to get an enrollment form.



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Best Practices for Club Meetings and Gatherings:

- Stay home if feeling sick
- Encouraged to wear face coverings when unable to maintain 6-foot social distancing
- Limit to a capacity that allows for required distancing- if your room capacity is 100, its not how many can be in the room but how many SHOULD be in the room.
- To assist with social distancing, club meetings show be limited to members and volunteers actively participating. (parents and other siblings will increase the size A LOT
- Educational activities that involve food preparations have to follow a specific set of guidelines. NO SAMPLING OR SHARING
- Demonstrations can be done but food should not be consumed.
- Food at meetings should be limited to prepackaged food or catered food. No Potlucks
- Do not share supplies, if you do not have enough of a certain supply check with the extension office, we have classroom sets of scissors and rulers etc
- Should allow for room to maintain social distancing

Field Trips and Overnight Activities:

- Clubs may engage in learning opportunities that include a field trip
- Families and youth should not carpool, have families travel separately to the trip location
- Must provide social distancing
- ptions and participants should follow in person meeting guidance
- Overnight activities are not allowed at this time.
- Clubs must turn in a field trip plan to the extension office

Help Linn County Extension with a Youth Book Drive

The recent derecho and pandemic is stressing young people, and they may find comfort in a book. A [promotional flyer](#) with details is available. You can purchase a book via [Amazon](#) or you can donate money via [Constant Contact](#).

Come attend a Fun Fall Craft Class!

On October 4th, at 2pm, at the Activity Building on the Central Iowa Fairgrounds join us for a fall Arrangement workshop! More details to come next week. If you would like to register please contact Megan at mcarl@iastate.edu. Cost \$20.00 must be paid at time of registration.

Record Book Deadline Extended to September 30:

Due to the storms that passed through in August and some families not having access to internet still we have decided to push the deadline of 4-H Record books back to September 30th at 4pm. You can find all of the forms for the Marshall County Record Books [here](#). There is a new form that **MUST be included** in your record book before you can turn it in. If you have any questions about record books please contact Megan at the Extension Office.

