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## TAMA COUNTY

# 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## February 2022

*Greetings Tama County 4-H Families!!*

*It's hard to believe we are already a month into 2022. Before we know it, County Fair will be here!*

Here are some reminders about the County Fair:

- Fair Dates are July 11-17, 2022. Clean up is July 9
- All Clover Kid and 4-H members must attend at least three of their club's business meetings by June 1 (June and July meetings do not count) in order to exhibit at the Tama County Fair. If you are finding difficulties in attending your club meetings, contact Jenny immediately to work out a plan with her.
- If you are taking a presentation to the County Fair, you must give that presentation at a club meeting to be eligible for the Iowa State Fair.
- ALL ANIMALS must be entered into 4honline by May 15th.
- Camping at the fair—forms will be in the April newsletter and must be in the Extension Office by May 15th or will have a late fee.
- Fair entries for Clover Kids and 4-H members must be in the Tama County Extension Office by 4:30 pm June 15 or postmarked June 15. No late entries accepted.
- 4-12th members who are exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goat, dairy, poultry and rabbit must be certified in YQCA by June 15.

Continue to read your newsletters and emails for up to date info on the fair. And reach out to the Extension Office if you have questions!



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# Livestock



All 4-H (no Clover Kids) livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following:

- \* Beef   \* Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat   \* Meat Goat
- \* Poultry   \* Rabbit   \* Sheep   \* Swine

**\*\*THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 15, 2022 in order to exhibit at the Tama County Fair.**

Training can be completed online (cost \$12)

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

There are NO coupons available for online training.

Or can be completed at an in person training (cost \$3). Must pre-register online (see website above). Coupon code for the in person training available by contacting the Extension Office.

### ***Mark your calendars for these in person trainings***

Tues. Feb. 22 at 7-8:30 pm (Traer Public Library)

Sat. Mar. 19 at 9 –10:30 a.m. (Tama County Extension Office)

## **Tama County Cattlemen**

**Cattlemen's Scholarship:** High School seniors interested in applying for the 2022 Tama County Cattlemen's Scholarship please email [tbeenken@gmail.com](mailto:tbeenken@gmail.com) for an application. To be eligible, family or applicant must be a paid Iowa Cattlemen's Association member. Applications are due April 1st.



## **Swine Weigh-In—March 26**

A letter will be mailed to all **enrolled** swine project members on March 1. If you do not receive a letter, contact the Extension Office. Families— read the letter for important information.

Members will sign up for a weigh-in time and if you are identifying swine for the Iowa State Fair, contact the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. March 18 so we have DNA tags ready.

## **Sheep and Goat Weigh-In—April 30**

A letter will be mailed to all **enrolled** sheep and goat project members on April 1.

## **4-H Members with Bottle Animals**

4-8th graders who are exhibiting Bottle Lamb, Bottle Goat or Bottle Beef—part of your project is completing a book and an interview at the fair.

Books are available at the Extension Office.

They are also on this website in the fair box <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/4h>.

Or contact the Extension Office and we can try to get one to your next 4-H meeting. Books will not be mailed to you.

**\*\*Please start working on the book now!**



# Upcoming Events

## Cinnamon Roll Workshop

February 19, 2022

9:00-11:00 am

The Pie Lady Home at 1397 Highway T55, Gladbrook (Laura Bru)  
Cost \$10.00

Learn the steps of making homemade cinnamon rolls...start to finish. We will even take photos documenting your steps, help you start your write up and you get to eat your product! A great start to a fair exhibit! Register for this workshop by Fri. Feb 11th. Open to 4-12th graders



## 4-8th Grade Lock-In

February 25-26, 2022

9:30 pm—6:00 am

Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA

Open to ALL youth in grades 4-8 grade, so bring a friend along!

Swimming, racket ball, basketball, board/card games!

Adult chaperones are needed (a background check will be completed prior to event)

Cost is \$25.00. Register by contacting the Extension Office by 4:30 pm February 18th.

Meet new friends! Find new adventures!



## 8th-12th Grade Lock-In

February 26-27, 2022

7:00 pm—6:00 am

Grundy Center Community Center (705 F Ave, Grundy Center)

\$20 for 4-H members

\$25 for non 4-H members

Unlock the Mystery! Here's a clue...there will be food, mysteries to solve, fun & friends.

Registration is due by 4:30 pm February 18th. Register by contacting the Tama County Extension Office.



## Real Money! Real World!

March 5th (9 am to 3 pm)

[What do you mean taxes come out of my paycheck?](#)

[I have to purchase car insurance? WHAT!](#)

Coming to Gladbrook on Saturday, March 5th (9 am to 3 pm) for 8-12th graders. Participants will be given the role of a 27 year old adult receiving an occupation, monthly salary, and number of children they are raising. Participants will learn to subtract savings, taxes and health insurance premiums from their monthly income.

The amount of money left over is spent during a simulation activity! Participants will spend their money at booths such as housing, utilities, groceries, insurance, child care and transportation. Throughout the activity, participants keep track of their finances and attempt to complete the simulation with a positive balance!

**This is a FREE event thanks to generous sponsors. Registration is due by 4:30 pm Friday, Feb 25.**

We are looking for volunteers (parents/businesses) to help with the afternoon simulation. Contact Jenny if you are willing to help!



# Upcoming Events

## 7-9th Grade Des Moines Leadership Trip

March 23, 2022 7:00 am—4:30 pm Cost is \$25

Registration is due Wed. March 11 by 4:30 pm.

Tour the State Capitol, meet with legislators, explore the Historical Center and Botanical Center.

Cost is \$25 (which includes a polo to wear and admission to the Botanical Center)  
Bring a sack lunch.



**Family Fun Night** March 19, 2022 6:00-8:00 pm Traer Memorial Building

This year, Tama County 4-H will be hosting a Family Fun Night. An evening to hang out with your Tama County 4-H friends and make new ones. Board games, team building games, Minute To Win It games, prizes and more! Families are invited to bring snacks to share. Mark your calendars!

## YQCA Bus Trip to Ames

April 13, 2022 7 am—4:30 pm

6-12th graders—Mark your calendars for a bus trip to Ames on April 6, 2022. We will complete YQCA on the bus and then visit the ISU Vet School, have a visit from Animal Science Career Exploration, Sheep Farm, Poultry Farm and more! Trip cost is \$40 per participant. In addition, you must pre-register for YQCA training which is \$3 (coupon code available from the Tama County Extension Office). The fee covers the cost of busing, snacks and lunch. Registration is due March 23, 2022.



## Build My Future 2022 - Hands on Career Day & Industry Showcase



April 13, 2022 7 am—4:30 pm Varied Industries Bldg (Iowa State Fair)

This is a hands on career immersion event that showcases career opportunities available in Iowa. Some of these may require no post secondary education & some of them could require certificate, designation, two year, four year or advanced degree programs.

This year's career pathways include: manufacturing, healthcare/nursing, law enforcement & emergency services, military, culinary/restaurant & hospitality, agriculture, commercial & residential construction, heavy equipment operators, trucking/driver, automotive, IT & cybersecurity, energy & MORE COMING!

Businesses will be showcasing their business and careers through a hands-on, interactivity activity for students to experience. These could include tools of the trade, virtual reality, and simulators. All attendees go through a brief safety meeting where they'll receive personal protective equipment like eye, hand and ear protection.

This is FREE—all attendees receive a T-shirt, PPE and lunch. Some students may walk away with additional take-home items depending on the hands-on activities they've done.

Register by contacting the Tama County Extension Office by 4:30 pm March 18th. Open to 8-12th graders!

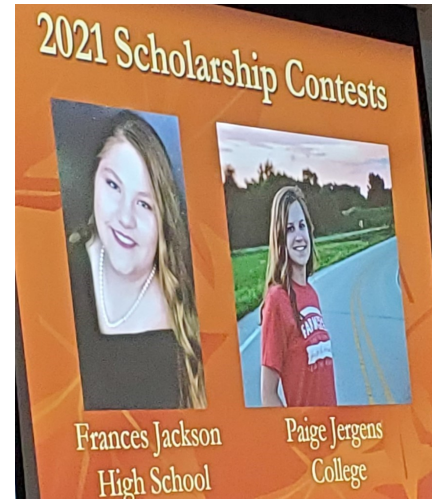
Check out this video to see what it is all about <https://iowaskilledtrades.com/>

# \$\$\$Scholarships \$\$\$

## High school senior scholarship available

Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) is partnering with Tama Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to foster the higher education endeavors of Iowa students interested in conservation and agriculture by offering local, regional and statewide scholarships.

Iowa High School Class of 2022 students, including homeschoolers, pursuing programs of study in any field of conservation or agriculture may apply for the Conservation Scholarship. While many college majors qualify, preference will be given to students pursuing programs of study in conservation. The scholarship must be used for the student's first year of college education.



Three CDI scholarships will be awarded at the state level in the amounts of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Six \$500 regional awards will also be awarded.

In addition to the CDI scholarships, Tama SWCD is offering one \$1,000 scholarship to a Tama County applicant. The Tama SWCD scholarship recipient will be chosen locally. Tama County residents completing the CDI scholarship application are automatically considered for this local scholarship.

Find the application and all information at <https://cdiowa.org/get-involved/scholarships/>.

Please note applications must be submitted to the SWCD in the county in which the student resides.

Only applications and supporting documents for Tama County residents should be submitted to the Tama SWCD office at 102 Hwy 30W, Toledo, IA 52342 or by emailing [melody.bro@ia.nacdnet.net](mailto:melody.bro@ia.nacdnet.net) by 4:30 p.m. on February 18. For the locations of other SWCD offices, visit <https://idals-farms.iowa.gov/index.php/>

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE March 1

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it's not easy to finance a college education, and we know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school, our current scholarship program offers over **90** scholarships worth more than **\$100,000**. Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$10,000. Thank you to the donors who make these scholarships possible! Read about the scholarships available at [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding\\_for\\_4hers/scholarships/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/)

Applications are available on-line and are **due before or on March 1, 2022**. Only one application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Project Areas

Each month we will highlight project areas that you might be interested in but didn't know much about!



Do you have an animal you want to keep healthy? Are you interested in a career helping lots of animals stay healthy? The veterinary science project area enables you to explore and learn more about animal health in your home, club and community.

Ideas for this project: Explore the basic needs of health and safety for various animals; learn how veterinarians and owners work together to keep animals healthy; investigate the many careers in animal science and veterinary science, explore bio-security and make an animal health management plan for animals; learn about proper hoof care; give an educational presentation on the types of injections and how to vaccinate animals; make and sell homemade healthy pet treats.



Leaders influence and support others in a positive manner for a shared goal. Leaders aren't just elected. You can be a leader of committees, small groups and teams, Learning about yourself and how you work with others is a vital part of developing leadership skills.

Ideas for this project: Job shadow or interview a local leader; plan and present a fun club activity; work with members to establish ground rules for club meetings; run for office in your club; develop and implement a school survey of student's teachers and administrators; give a presentation on parliamentary procedure or other decision-making methods; plan for your club's next service project; mentor a younger member with record-keeping and preparing exhibits for fair.

For more information on this project and others, check out this website:

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15266>

## Did you know ...

Tama County Soil and Water Conservation District will award a monetary award for projects completed at the Tama County Fair AND complete a Record Book in these classes:

10210 Crop Production and Plant Science

10222 Entomology

10226 Forestry

10235 Home Grounds Improvement

10220 Conservation, Environment and Sustainability

10224 Fish and Wildlife

10230 Horticulture and Plant Science

10260 Other Agriculture and National Resources Ideas

Award winners are recognized at their annual banquet. In 2021 award winners were: Lilly Bru, Violet Jackson, Wyatt Jackson, Jay Bru, and Mason Hosek. Congratulations!



# County Upcoming Events

## Mark Your Calendars

Feb 19	Cinnamon Roll Workshop
Feb 20	10-12th grade Co Council @ 2
Feb 25-26	4-8th grade Lock-In
Feb 26-27	8-12th grade Lock-In
March 5	Real Money! Real World!
March 13	Swine Workshop
March 19	Family Fun Night at Traer Memorial Building— Mark your calendar!
March 23	Legislative Trip
April 6	Bus Trip To Ames

## Weigh-ins

SWINE WEIGH-IN—Sat. March 26

SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN - Sat. April 30

Make sure to be enrolled in these project areas to receive information about the weigh-ins. Letters

May 15	<b>ALL Animal ID's due in 4-H Online</b>
June 15	<b>Tama County Fair Entries Due</b>
June 26	Clothing and Communications Event
June 28-30	Iowa 4-H Conference
July 6	Garden Judging
July 9	Fair Clean Up
July 11-17	<b>Tama County Fair</b>
Aug 11-21	<b>Iowa State Fair</b>



## Fair Information

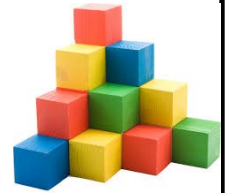
Dates for Tama County Fair are July 11-17, 2022

Theme for the 2022 Tama County Fair

## Building the Future

We need your help in collecting the following:

- \* Gently used children's books
- \* Pull tabs



You may begin to bring books and pull tabs to the Tama County Extension Office or contact Jenny for her to pick them up. We'll share the project that we will use them for soon!

Tama County Livestock and Fair Association meeting is February 28, 2022 at 7 pm.

## Summer 4-H & Youth Assistant Position Open

May 16-July 22, 2022  
(Maximum of 40 hours/week up to 400 hours total)

\$10.00/hour. 40 hours/week. Assist Extension & Outreach staff with summer activities

and programs. Duties will include planning, teaching, organizing, supervising and evaluating youth activities.

Must have reliable transportation and a driver's license. Experience as 4-H member or volunteer is preferred. Minimum of one year college work outside of high school. Must pass Child Protection and Safety Policy screening prior to employment.

Applications available at the Tama County Extension and Outreach Office. Deadline: **February 15, 2022.**  
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**Event cost refund policy:** Full refunds will be issued if an event is cancelled. NO refund will be given for participants who cancel less than 48 hours in advance or don't show up. Please see event registration pages for more event-specific restrictions.

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