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4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

February 2024

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The Tama County Extension Council voted in December that weather-related office closings will follow the same schedule as the STC School district.

If our office closes due to weather, staff will be working from home. Please email us for assistance.

We have many programs coming up, so always check with the office before you come in if you need to talk to a specific person.



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Greetings Tama County 4-H Families!!

It's hard to believe we are already a month into 2024. Before we know it, County Fair will be here!

Here are some reminders about the County Fair:

- Fair Dates are July 15-21, 2024. Clean up is July 13
- 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 returned to the Extension Office by May 15th.
- Fair entries for Clover Kids and 4-H members must be entered online in the fair entry program by June 15.
- 4-12th members who are exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goat, dairy, poultry and rabbit must be certified in YQCA by June 15.

Fair books will be distributed to you at your club meetings in April. The 2023 Tama County Fair book is located on our website. There will be some changes to it, but much of it will remain the same. Always contact the Tama County Extension Office if you have any questions.



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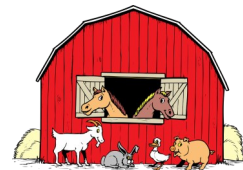
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Livestock News

YQCA



All 4-H and FFA (no Clover Kids) livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) 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, 2024 in order to exhibit at the Tama County Fair.**

A help sheet on how to register for in person and take the online training is found on our Tama County 4-H website under the YQCA tab!

Dates for Tama County in person training are (online registration is required)

Tues. February 20—6:30-7:30 pm Traer Library

Sat. March 2—9:00-10:00 am Extension Office

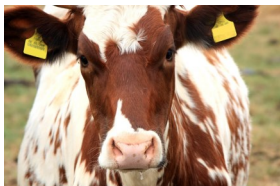
Thurs. April 25— YQCA bus trip to ISU (6-12th grade) More info to come

Put the dates on your calendar so you don't miss the deadline and aren't able to exhibit!

Online training (\$12) or registration for in person training (\$3) can be complete here <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Coupons available for in person training for those exhibiting 4-H animals.

****When you complete the training online—email the certificate to jhulme@iastate.edu**

Dairy Heifer Program



Two dairy heifer programs are open again this year in order to promote the opportunity to show a dairy heifer at the fair. Open to 4-12th graders.

- 1) Leasing Program—For 4-H/FFA members who have a dairy connection. Lease agreement will need to be signed by 4-H/FFA member, parent and animal owner. Singed Dairy Cattle Lease agreement must be turned into the Extension Office by May 15, 2024
- 2) Share-A-Dairy-Heifer Program—for 4-H/FFA members who would like to show a dairy heifer but do not have a connection to a dairy producer. This program requires an application and interview/site visit to determine eligibility. Those eligible will be given a dairy heifer to care for and show at the Tama County Fair. Deadline to apply for this is March 15. Don't have a place to keep the animal? Have that discussion with Sara Forrester. For more information, you can reach Sara at (563) 543-6971.

Forms are available at the Extension Office or on our Tama County 4-H website.

Bottle Animals



As we approach spring, we will begin to see baby animals. And with that bottle animal projects will begin.

****All bottle animals (both Clover Kids and 4-H members) must be identified in 4honline by May 15th. You are encouraged to identify two but only one can come to the fair.**

****Bottle animals must be born between Jan 1-May 15, 2024.**

****Animals must have a tag entered in 4honline and that animal must have that tag in the ear when it comes to the fair!**

****Bottle calves need a farm tag (can be a number or name).**

****Bottle sheep and goat—more tag info to come.**

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 and 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! Not for Clover Kids.****

For Fun and to learn about 4-H!

Summer 4-H & Youth Assistant Position Open

May 20-July 26, 2024 (Maximum of 40 hours/week up to 400 hours total). \$12.00/hour.

Assist Extension and 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 a 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 are available at the Tama County Extension and Outreach Office or on our website.



Deadline to apply is Feb 15, 2024. EOE

Have you seen Tama County 4-H in your school?

So far this year, Tama County 4-H has partnered with **Dysart Elementary** with a safety event; **GMG** high school with Mindful Teen; **Gladbrook Reinbeck** elementary with Agriculture Club and the 7th graders with Real Money. Real World and Mindful Teen; **North Tama** with Monarch butterflies, Water Rocks and the Nutcracker Ballet and **South Tama** with Junior Achievement.

Where will we be next??



Starting January 22 and ending April 12th SWITCH begins for North Tama 6th grade, South Tama 5th grade and Gladbrook Reinbeck 4th grade.

SWITCH is a Iowa 4-H program that teaches us how to SWITCH what we DO, VIEW and CHEW. We focus on making healthy choices, getting more active and trying new foods. In addition to this, we learn about keeping our minds healthy and lessening our stress levels.

If you see us in your school, be sure to tell us HI! And if you don't see us, ask your teacher to reach out to our office and invite us in to do a program.

We love to visit!

Great things happening in Tama County 4-H

We've had some terrific workshops the end of December and in January.

Continue to look at the upcoming events and get registered!



December 28th, five youth learned how to make banana bread and yeast bread in the camp called "Everybody Kneads Bread"



In December, 29 members completed the in person YQCA training! Check that off the fair to-do list!

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Computer Science Rules

We learned about coding using a snow theme!



Cricut

Workshop

Created three items—ready for fair!



Upcoming Events

Night Owls Camp

February 15 5:30-7:30 pm

Tama County Nature Center



Registration due by Feb 9th by contacting the Extension Office.

Cost \$10 Suggested for grades 4-8

Learn about owls! Dissect owl pellets, discover owl adaptations, games, explore owl sounds and a hike! Meal provided with registration.

Frosting Workshop

February 17 9:00-11:00 am

Tama County Extension Office

Come learn how to make safe frosting for fair and different techniques of frosting.



Youth in 4-12th grade

Fee: \$10

Register by Feb 9

Terrarium Making

March 16 9:00-11:00 am

Tama County Extension Office

Learn how to manage a terrarium. This can be an exhibit for county fair!



Youth in K-5th grade

Fee: \$20

Register by March 5

Rock Engraving

April 13 9:00 am-noon

Tama County Extension Office

Join us for a "Rockin" Time! Learn the design and engraving process, career possibilities, and go home with a fair exhibit!

4-12th grade

Fee: \$20



Get involved—attend as many 4-H events as you can!!

Tama County 4-H has so many upcoming educational opportunities.

For each educational opportunity that 4-12th graders attend, your name will be placed in a drawing!!!

On May 15th, five names will be drawn for \$100 gift certificates for any of the upcoming summer events such as Junior Overnight Camp, State 4-H Conference, and possible Omaha Zoo trips.

If these events do not work for your summer schedule, you will receive a 4-H hooded sweatshirt (a \$50 value. Available in green or gray)

County Events

4-8th grade Lock-In

February 23-24, 2024 (9:30 pm-6:00 am) Marshalltown YMCA/YWCA

This is open to enrolled 4-H members and friends!

Cost is \$25 for 4-H members and \$30 for non members

Registration is **due by February 16th**. A waiver is required to be completed by all youth and for those who are not in 4-H a health form is required. Payment and waivers must be in the Tama County Extension Office by due date.

The night is full of swimming, teambuilding, completing a project, basketball, racquetball, and more!

Tama County will be joining Marshall, Grundy and Hardin Counties in this event, so it's a great time of making new friends and memories!



KINZE TOUR



Youth will tour Kinze Manufacturing facility, learn about career opportunities, and meet experts in the field.

Who: 4-H Members in Grades 6-12
Register by calling your extension office by March 13th.

Cost: \$25.00

*Youth will need to bring a sack lunch.

*Final Schedule will be sent after registration is complete.

Tentative Bus Schedule:

Marshall County:	Tama County:
Pick Up: 8am	Pick Up: 8:30am
Return: 2:30pm	Return: 2:00pm

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March 20, 2024



Scholarships

Tama County Pork Producer Scholarship

The Tama County Pork Producers are offering scholarships to Tama County seniors.

Candidate must be a resident of Tama County. Candidates or parents must be members of the Tama Co Pork Producers the current year. Membership dues are \$25.

Completed application and letter of reference **must be postmarked by February 18, 2024** and mailed to Sheryl Jesina.

More scholarship rules and application can be found at the Tama County Extension Office, ask your FFA advisors or school counselors or on the Tama County 4-H website.

IFAA—Iowa Foundation For Agricultural Advancement

2024 Winner's Circle Scholarships are available to incoming freshman and undergraduates enrolled in agriculture curriculum at any 4 year or 2 year university or college. Applicants will be notified of results by the first of July and scholarships will be presented at the Winner's Circle Scholarship Luncheon at the Iowa State Fair.

<https://ifaa.org/sale-of-champions/#scholarships>

Tama Soil & Water Conservation District

Iowa High School Class of 2024 students, including home-schoolers, pursuing programs of study in any field of conservation or agriculture may apply for the Conservation Scholarship. Find the application and all information at <https://cdiowa.org/get-involved/scholarships/>

Deadline is February 2.

Tama County Cattlemen's Beef Queen

Applications are now being accepted for any young women interested in running for the 2024 Tama County Cattlemen's Beef Queen. Duties include promoting beef, helping with grilling events and riding in parades around Tama County. If you would like an application please email Tyler at tbeenken@gmail.com. Applications are due Feb. 15th. Applicants are asked to attend the 2024 Banquet where an interview will take place and the winner will be crowned. Date for banquet to be set.

Tama County Cattlemen's Scholarship

High School seniors interested in applying for the 2024 Tama County Cattlemen's Scholarship please email Tyler at tbeenken@gmail.com for an application. To be eligible, family of applicant must be a paid Iowa Cattlemen's Association member. Applications are due April 1st.

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications are due at midnight of March 1. Check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship page for a road map to success with instructions and the helpful hints page. Former and current 4-H members graduating from high school or currently attending college are eligible applicants.

<https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/scholarships>



Iowa Poultry and Egg Scholarship Foundation

In 2024, the Iowa Poultry and Egg Scholarship foundation will award an undergraduate scholarship (\$2,000) to a graduating high school senior who plans to work toward a Bachelor of Science in Poultry/Animal Science or a major in preparation for a poultry/egg related career. The applicant must show leadership as well as demonstrate being a good student. The applicant must have at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale, accumulated or equivalent). Recipient must be an Iowa resident or plan to attend an Iowa college or university. Application is due February 28.

<https://www.ncentralpoultry.com/>

Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 6	New Member Night
Feb 15	Owl Program
	Summer Assistant Application Due
Feb 17	Frosting Workshop
Feb 20	YQCA Training at Traer Library
Feb 23-24	Lock-In (4-8th grade)
March 2	YQCA Training at Extension Office
March 16	Terrarium Workshop
March 20	Tour of Kenzie
March 30	Swine Weigh-In
April 25	YQCA Bus Trip to ISU
May 4	Goat & Sheep Weigh-In
	Fair Tour at 11 am
June 30	Clothing and Communications Event
July 10	Garden Judging
July 13	Fair Clean Up
July 15-21	Tama County Fair
Aug 8-18	Iowa State Fair

Fair Reminders

Fair 2024 is July 15-21

Explore the Jungle of Opportunities

All 4-H members and Clover Kids must have attended at least three business meetings of their primary 4-H club by June 1, 2024 in order to exhibit at the 2024 Tama County Fair.

ALL animals must be identified in 4honline by May 15, 2024.

Tama County Entries in Fairentry (both livestock and non-livestock) are due June 15, 2024.

YQCA must be completed by June 15, 2024.

Communications—In order to be selected to the Iowa State Fair—you must have given your presentation at your club prior to the fair.

Horse Exhibitors - Are required to attend a pre-fair workshop. Workshop date will be announced.

Tama County Livestock and Fair Association meeting Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7 pm at the Tama County Extension Office.

New Member Night on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Tama County Extension Office.

This is for the member and parents. Throughout the presentation, members will be completing a 4-H BINGO card and learning about club meetings, presentations, how to identify animals, what is expected for the fair, record book and more. Bring your questions with you and we will do our best to help!

If you cannot attend but are interested in learning more, just contact Jenny Hulme at the Extension Office.

Fair Tour—May 4th

For more information as we get closer to fair, mark your calendar for a fair tour on Saturday, May 4th at 11 am at the Tama County Fairgrounds in Gladbrook. There we will walk the fairgrounds and explain what happens where and when! We are happy to help!



**Thank you
leaders!**

Each year our 4-H leaders and shooting sports instructors are required by the State of Iowa 4-H Office to complete a yearly training. This was held at the Tama County Extension Office on Jan 25th.

If you did not attend, an email with directions on how to complete online will be sent to you. This must be completed by July 1.



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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.

Fees Statement: The fees for services will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

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