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4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

January 2024

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Due to the holidays, vacations, programming and the potential of winter weather, please contact the Tama County Extension Office before you visit to make sure that we are open or the person you want to talk to is in the office. Thank you!



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Are you a new(er) member to Tama County 4-H?

What do I have to do for fair?

What is a record book? What is.....??????

If you are new or newer to Tama County 4-H or new to 4-H, we welcome you to a

**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!



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BEEF WEIGH-IN ID's DUE

FEBRUARY 1st



All Beef ID's need to be entered by members online at: <http://v2.4honline.com>

FFA market beef must be entered into fair entry. Reach out to your FFA advisor for a help sheet.

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.

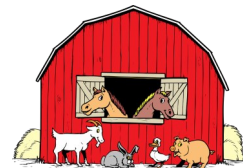
More scholarship rules and application can be found at the Tama County Extension Office, ask your FFA advisors or school counselors or on the Tama County 4-H website.

Save the date: Tama County Pork Producer Banquet

Saturday, January 20th

at the Traer Memorial Building.

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.**

See the back page of the newsletter for upcoming trainings and more information. 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!

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.

For Fun and to learn about 4-H!

Tama County 4-H has so many upcoming workshops and educational opportunities. Make sure to be putting them on your calendar and registering!

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)

Those of you who attended the woodworking workshop, Everybody Kneads Bread, and December YQCA will be added to the contest!



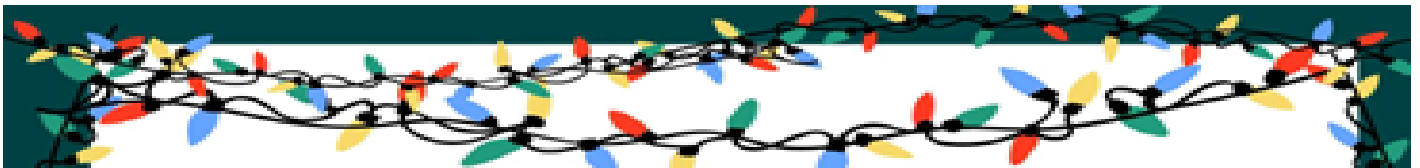
Summer 4-H & Youth Assistant Position Open



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 February 15, 2024. EOE



Great things are happening in Tama County 4-H– Ignite the Spirit

In December, Toledo Techs and Clutier Cowboys and Cowgirls each received \$500 and 40 pork loins from the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation. 40 families were gifted with groceries and pork loins! Thank you!



Clutier Cowboys and Cowgirls prepared gifts for the North Tama School.



Toledo Techs prepared gifts for the South Tama School.



Upcoming Events

January Workshops

Computer Science Day Camp

January 6 9 am to 1 pm

Peace Church, Gladbrook Grades K-4

Activities: Code a cupcake, Snow Buddy Robot, Bee-Bot Winter Camp, Cracking the Winter Code

Fee: \$5 for 4-H members

\$10 for non-members

Register by Jan 3



Cricut Workshop

January 20 9 am to noon

Tama County Extension Office

Grades 4-12

Come explore how a Cricut works, design and complete 3 different projects—that could be taken to the fair!



Fee: \$10. RSVP by January 12



Ice Camp

January 27th 9 am to noon (Snow Date if needed February 3) Cost: \$5.00

6-12th grade

RSVP by January 19

Tama County Nature Center

(All activities are dependent on the weather, but ideas that we have are archery, snowshoe, fire building, shelter building, campfire food!)

February Workshops

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



JR. LOCK-IN

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

Region 9
Tama,
Marshall,
Grundy, Hardin

**ALL 4-8TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME
BE "LOCKED-IN" WITH REGION 9 4-H!**

YOUTH WILL...

-  Use their hands for larger service for a Community Service Project
-  Take part in Teambuilding
-  Be creative completing a project
-  Make new friends and memories
-  Swimming, basketball, racquetball and more.



COST:
\$25 (4-H Member)
\$30 (Non-4-H Member)

TO REGISTER:
Call your local Extension Office by February 16th.
Tama Co. 641-484-2703
Marshall Co. 641-752-1551
Grundy Co. 319-824-6979
Hardin Co. 419-674-2297



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ANNUAL Leader's Training

The state required leader's training will take place on **Thursday, January 25 at 6-8 pm at the Tama County Extension Office.**

This is a required state training for all club leaders and shooting sports instructors. In addition, we will cover county information.

Plases contact the Extension Office by January 22 if you are not attending so information on how to make up the session can be given to you.

Thank you!

At the time of writing this newsletter at the end of December, Tama County had the following enrolled AND paid members in 4-H.



81 Clover Kids (K-3rd grade)
145 4-H members (4-12th grade)
27 Volunteer leaders/instructors

We are so thankful for you getting enrolled by December 31 so you can continue to receive newsletters and emails about upcoming events.

As we approach swine and goat/sheep weigh-in and you might not have put that as a project area but do plan on exhibiting, please let the Extension Office know so we can send you that information.

Thank you for helping Tama County 4-H GROW!!

State Events

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION

OPPORTUNITIES

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in **grades 9-12** can apply to be selected for special opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition and to provide young people with an **opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills** through application and interview activities.

The application deadline every year is 11:59 pm on February 1.

For more information and to view all opportunities visit:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>

RECOGNITION PREPARATION STATEWIDE WEBINARS

Iowa 4-H is hosting webinars for the recognition process. You can sign up for these webinars by logging in to 4HOnline and registering under "events."

- January 3, 7:00-8:00PM – Writing a Recognition Day Cover Letter
- January 10, 7:00-8:00PM – Writing a Recognition Day Resume
- January 29, 7:00-8:00PM – Open Office Hours
- February 29, 7:00-8:00PM – Preparing for Recognition Day Interviews

CWF: Citizenship Washington Focus

For 7 days, teens (9-12th grade) from around the nation will gather to have meaningful discussions, hear from prominent speakers, influential leaders, and engaging young people who have created an impact. They will connect with 500 other teens and learn the skills they need to lead their local communities and become change agents to build a brighter future.

Mark your calendars for June 15-22, 2024, to be part of this exciting trip! Registration cost is \$3000 for teens, \$1500 for adult chaperones. The cost covers lodging, travel, and many meals.

Registrations are requested by January 22, 2024. To learn more, visit the Iowa 4-H CWF webpage.

Make plans today to strengthen your communication, leadership, and civic engagement skills while



SAVE THE DATE

2024 State 4-H Conference for completed 8-12th graders is set for June 25-27, 2024. Cost is \$225. Held at Iowa State University.

4-H Scholarship Applicants Open

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>



Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendars

Jan 6	Computer Code Camp
Jan 20	Cricut workshop
Jan 27	Ice Camp (snow date of Feb 3)
Jan 29	Youth Advisory Committee
Feb 6	New Member Night
Feb 15	Owl Program
Feb 17	Frosting Workshop
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

Theme to be announced later in year.

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, January 22, 2024 at 7 pm at the Tama County Extension Office.

YQCA

Those 4-12th grade members exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goats, dairy cattle, rabbit and poultry must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2024 in order to exhibit at the Tama County Fair. Can be completed online or in person training

Dates for Tama County in person training are:

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.



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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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