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4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May 2023

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Congratulations Graduates!!

This month of May, Tama County 4-H would like to congratulate the 4-H members who graduate this month. We appreciate their leadership and dedication to the 4-H program and wish them all the best in the path ahead of them.

From Clutier Cowboys and Cowgirls
Madison McKee and Levi Zobel

From Toledo Techs
Amber Myli and Kimberly Rieks

From Wolfcreek Whirlwinds
Clayton Boldt, Carter Kemp and Ryan Koester

From Garwin Roughriders
Wyatt Jackson

Fair books are printed for each family!

Check with your leader for your families fair book. Some clubs have their books at the extension office so check there.

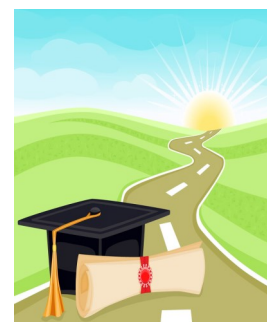
The book is also found online at

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/county-fair>

A Special Thank you to the following who were committed to the Tama County 4-H Council during their high school years. These senior members showed great leadership in planning and leading activities for the county and will continue to do so this year at the fair.

Madison McKee Levi Zobel
Amber Myli

Clayton Boldt Wyatt Jackson



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Animal News

Breeding Heifers

Breeding heifers are required to have a tattoo PLUS one other form of ID.

This other form of ID can be 1) 4-H tag, 2) Registration number OR 3) Calftood vaccination number.

If you need help with a tattoo or need a 4-H tag, contact the Extension Office. Cost for tags are \$2.00.

If you are exhibiting the heifer as registered, the registration number must be entered into 4honline by May 15.



YQCA

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, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine

****THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 15, 2023 in order to exhibit at the Tama County Fair.**

Training must be completed online (cost \$12)
There are NO coupons available for online training.

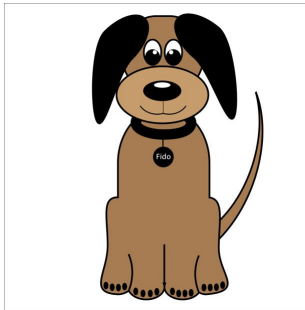
NEW WEBSITE!!!! <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

When you complete your online training, please send a photo of your certificate to jhulme@iastate.edu.

Dog Classes to be held on Thursday

Tama County Fair dog superintendent, Clint Murty will hold dog classes on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm (for an hour with time afterwards to answer any questions) at the Marshall County Fairgrounds and will continue each Thursday

until May 25th. Then beginning Sunday, June 4 and continue until July 9, the classes will be at the Tama County Fairgrounds. If you would like to participate in these classes, reach out to Clint at cmurty03@gmail.com.



Sheep & Goat Weigh-in

Sat. May 6th

Sheep & Goat Workshop

Sat. June 3 9:00-11:00 am

Tama County Fairgrounds

Join us at the fairgrounds to learn about your sheep & goat project. You do not need to bring an animal. Come and learn about the care and exhibiting of your sheep/goat.



Want to show a dairy heifer, but you don't own it?

A leasing program was approved by the Tama County Fair Board to promote the opportunity to show a dairy heifer at the fair. Open to 4-12th graders.

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. Signed Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement must be turned into the Extension Office by May 15, 2023. This form can be found on the Tama County website.

Fair Queen Applications due 6/1

A County Fair Queen must reside in the county she represents or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents. If a fair represents more than one county, the winning contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.



Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.)

Open to all females 16-21 years of age.

Applications due June 1, 2023 Applications can be found on the Tama County 4-H website or at the Extension Office.

The Fair Queen contest is sponsored by the Tama County Livestock and Fair Association.

Fair Scholarship Applications due 6/15

The "Tama County Fair Scholarship" was established to recognize outstanding high school students who participate in the Tama County Fair through either 4-H or FFA programs.



Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually provided minimal requirements* are met.

Application can be found on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/4h> in the fair information box.

Mail applications to:

Tama County Fair Secretary, PO Box 243,
Toledo, IA 52342.

Applications must be postmarked June 15, 2023 to be considered.

The Tama County Fair Scholarship is sponsored by the Tama County Livestock and Fair Association.

Camping Registration/Money

The 2023 Tama County Fair Camping registration form and the payment must be completed by May 15.

There is an additional fee for registrations made after May 15.

You can mail or drop off the registration/money to the Tama County Extension Office.

**Please note: The campground is organized by the Tama County Livestock and Fair Association.

Checks are to be made payable to the Association.

Any questions, please contact tamacofair@gmail.com.



May Workshops



Are you new(er) to fair?

We will be holding a fair tour on Sat, May 6th at 11 am at the Tama County Fairgrounds (in Gladbrook). We will walk thru the fairgrounds and share what happens in all parts of the fair, starting with Animal ID, Fair entry and what to bring with you to the fair. Bring your questions!

Iowa 4-H Home Improvement Virtual workshop

Grades 4-12 on May 11, 5:30-6:30 pm

Workshop attendees will gather virtually to meet other youth interested in home improvement, learn about paint and varnishes from an expert, and create a project action plan that includes setting a project learning goal. You will gain insight to what 4-H judges look for in a home improvement exhibit and have fun along the way.

Registration for the workshop is limited to 25 participants. To register, log into your 4-H online profile and visit the 4-H events tab.

Tama County Fair Entry—New process! We have help for you!

The Tama County Fair is excited to announce a transition to the FairEntry online fair management system. Beginning **May 16**, please log on to <https://tamacountyfair.fairentry.com/> from your computer or any mobile device (including smartphones) to submit your entries to the fair.

Online entries will be required for all exhibitors (Clover Kid, 4-H and FFA).

The deadline for online entries is 11:59 pm June 15.

Late entries will not be allowed.

Payment is not accepted online. Cash/Check will be accepted until July 1.

Instructions for the entry process are posted on our website. If you do not have internet access or need assistance with the entry process, the Tama County Extension Office is open 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday to help.

In addition, we will be traveling the county to help with setting up accounts, completing fair entries, answering any questions and collecting payment.

May 22, 5:30-7:00 pm, Peace United Church of Christ, Gladbrook

May 25, 5:30-7:00 pm, Traer Library, Traer

June 8, 5:30-7:00 pm, Tama County Extension Office, Toledo

If you have any questions about the process, feel free to stop in or give us a call during regular business hours for assistance. We look forward streamlining these processes to make your fair experience the best yet!



Summer Events—Open to 4-H members & Friends

Check out our upcoming summer events! Registration forms are on our website. Contact the office if you have any questions! Open to all!

Find Tama County 4-H at your local library! We are visiting most of them through the summer!

Thrifty Meal Challenge

Mon. June 12 8:00-11:00 am
Tama County Extension Office

4-12th grade Cost: \$11 RSVP by June 7

A fair class formally called “\$10 meal challenge”, we will work on choosing the menu, grocery shopping and starting the poster and write up. Another exhibit ready for fair!

4-6th grade Overnight Camp

Fri . June 9-10 5 pm to 5 pm
Pilgrim Heights Camp

Cost \$100 (4-H members) \$110 (Non member)
Grades completed: 4-6 Registration due June 1

Join Grundy, Marshall and Tama Counties
“Escape into the Wild” and enjoy the outdoors
while making new friends.

Fishing Camp

Wed. June 14 9 am to 3 pm
Union Grove Lake, Gladbrook

Cost: FREE Grades completed: 3-6

Registration due June 9. Space is limited!

Learn the basics of fishing, laws, types of fish,
lures/baits, knot tying and oh, time for fishing!!

A great day to spend time outdoors!

LEGO® Engineering and Coding Camp

Thursday, June 15 9 am to 3 pm

Tama County Extension Office, Toledo

Cost: \$10 (4-H members) \$15 (Non member)

Grades completed: 3-6 Registration due June 9

Focusing on STEAM-based learning, kids will learn the basics of
robotics, designing, building, and programming
LEGO® SPIKE™ creations in this fun, hands-on camp.

Babysitting Basics

Friday, June 16 10 am to 4 pm
Toledo Public Library

Cost: \$5 (4-H members) \$10 (Non member)

Grades completed: 5-12

Registration due June 9

Learn skills to care for infants/young children,
develop an activity bag, and learn how to handle
emergencies and more.

Books for Cooks

June 12 1:00-4:00 pm Traer Public Library
Registration due June 7

OR

June 21 2:00-3:00 pm Garwin Public Library
Registration due June 16

Join us for an afternoon of fun while developing culinary and
literacy skills. Through the reading of books, we will learn skills that
will help us make breakfast, lunch and a fruit snack!

Outdoor Adventures

Thursday, July 6 AND Thursday, July 20

8:30 am to 3 pm Union Grove Lake, Gladbrook

Cost: \$20 (includes 5 classes) Grades completed: 3-8

Register at <https://ce.iavalley.edu/take-a-class/summer-youth-programs/>

Critter Camp

July 18 AND 19 9 am to noon OR 1 pm to 4 pm

Otter Creek Lake, Nature Center Cost \$10

Grades Completed: K-3 Registration due July 10

Stories, games, crafts, snacks, meet a critter and learn about
the great outdoors!

Overnight Events

2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

June 27-June 29

Iowa State University in Ames, IA

Every June, approximately 500 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service-learning activities. If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the Animal Science Round-Up track. You get to identify what areas you are interested in for workshops so that each day you get to explore a new topic of learning. You can select multiple project areas if you want to get more variety of learning topics while you're on campus.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. *You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference!*

You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents and meet new people through educational workshops, teambuilding activities, and a talent show.

Check out this website for more information. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

And check out this website for a video on the Animal Science Round-up track.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>

Registration will open March 15th and deadline is June 1. Cost is \$225

Jr Overnight Camp

(Completed 4-6th grade)

June 9-10, 2023

Pilgrim Heights Camp

3005 E. Ave, Mountour



Escape to the Wild

Join other 4th-6th grade campers on an overnight fun filled camping adventure! Marshall and Grundy County 4-H will join Tama County at this camp! Enjoy the great outdoors June 9-10 at the Pilgrim Heights Camp (east of Toledo). Where the fun never ends! Experience team building, gain camping skills, learn archery, fishing, crafts and more! We're ready to camp out & meet new friends!

- Register by May 26. To Register: Contact the Tama County Extension Office.
- Cost for 4-H members is \$100. Cost for non 4-H members is \$110

Campers arrive between 4:30—5:00 p.m. on June 9th and be picked up at 5:00 p.m. on June 10th. A camp letter, packing list, and waivers, will be mailed out to all campers on June 1 .

Join us for a great event!

Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendars

May 6 Sheep and Goat weigh-in
Fairgrounds Tour

May 15 All Animals Identified in 4honline

Tama County Fair Camping Due

June 9-10 Jr Overnight Camp

June 12 Thrifty Meal Challenge

Books for Cooks (Traer)

June 14 Fishing Camp

June 15 Fair Entries due

June 16 Babysitting Basics

June 21 Books for Cooks (Garwin)

June 25 Clothing and

Communications Event

June 27-29 Iowa 4-H Conference and Animal
Science Roundup

June 30/July 1 4-6th grade Trip to Omaha Zoo

July 5 Garden Judging

July 6 Outdoor Adventures

July 8 Fair Clean Up

July 10-16 Tama County Fair

July 20 Outdoor Adventures

Aug 4/5 7-8th grade Trip to Omaha Zoo

Aug 10-20 Iowa State Fair

Fair Reminders

Fair 2023 is July 10-16, 2023

Spy Your Potential

All 4-H members and Clover Kids must have attended at least three business meetings of their primary 4-H club by June 1, 2023 in order to exhibit at the 2023 Tama County Fair.

ALL animals must be identified in 4honline by May 15, 2023.

Tama County Entries are due June 15, 2023.

YQCA must be completed by June 15, 2023.

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. If you did not make the April 29th meeting, contact the Extension Office.

Tama County Livestock and Fair Association meeting is May 22 at 7 pm at the Tama County FAIRGROUNDS.

Important fair deadlines...

Check them off your list!!

____ May 15 all animals identified in
4honline <https://v2.4honline.com>

(FFA animals have a paper form—check with your FFA advisor)

____ May 15 Camping forms due

(Additional fee will be charged if camping form is late)

____ Fair entries completed in fair entry

(opens May 16 and closes June 15)

____ June 15 YQCA certification complete

____ July 1 fair entry fee due

(\$1.00 per entry for 4-12th graders. No fee for Clover Kids)





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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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