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The Early Discount for 4-H Enrollment ends October 31. The fee after that day is \$40 (unless your club is paying for part or you have 3 or more family members in 4-H)

Enroll online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Newsletters/emails will only be sent to those who enroll by December 31, 2023!

If you are coming to the December weigh-in, you will only receive that information if you are enrolled AND payment made by December 1.

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TAMA COUNTY

4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

November 2023



2022-2023 4-H Award Program

Sunday, November 12

5:30 pm potluck followed by program

Toledo Reinig Center (1007 S Prospect Drive, Toledo)

We will celebrate achievements of Clover Kids and 4-H members from the 2022-2023 4-H year!

County Council members will lead the awards program (Co Council members please arrive at 4:30 pm)

Potluck will begin at 5:30 pm and award program to follow. Families please bring a dish or dishes to share. Plates/silverware/napkins/cups/drinks will be provided.

This awards program recognizes Clover Kids, years of membership, leaders, and project awards. We will be having fun with games of BINGO and there are prizes!

Join us for a night of celebration and a kick-off to the new 4-H year!



Find us on Facebook!

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Livestock News

Market Beef Weigh-in—Save the Date

December 22, 2023 (2:00-6:00 pm) Snow date Dec 22 (8:30 am to noon)

Tama Livestock Auction



**A letter will be mailed on December 1 to all members who are enrolled in 4honline, have paid their enrollment fee AND have entered the beef project in 4honline. If you did not enter it when you enrolled, contact the Extension Office to get your name on the list.

This letter will have all the important information for your weigh-in.

This weigh-in is for market heifers, market steers, and pen of three.

*Breeding heifers can come to this weigh-in if they need a tattoo and 4-H tag. **New this year—Breeding heifers must have a tattoo AND one of these other forms of ID—a calfhood vaccination tag OR a EID (840) tag. Registration numbers are required for purebred breeding classes but are not a form of identification. You can purchase the 840 tags through the extension office or use your own.*

Bottle calves do not attend any weigh-in but must have a tag (can be a farm tag with a name or number). This tag must be entered into 4honline by May 15th and must match the animal that comes to the fair in July!

Make sure you save the dates for swine weigh-in on March 30 and sheep & goat weigh-in May 4

Swine Royalty

Applications are due December 1st and can be found on our 4-H website in the upcoming events box or contact the Extension Office.

Email completed application to
Samantha@4agvice.com

Interested in becoming
Tama County Pork Producers ROYALTY?



Age Guidelines:

Tama County Pork Queen	16 to 18 year old girls
Tama County Pork Princess	13 to 15 year old girls
Tama County Pork Ambassador	13 to 18 year old boys & girls

*age as of annual Tama County Pork Banquet

Requirements:

Be a willing spokesperson and representative of the pork industry.

For more information, please contact Samantha DeWitt, 515-297-0500

Swine Grant

The Tama County Pork Producers are looking for 4-H and FFA members (grades 4-12th) to apply for the 2024 Swine Grant.

This grant is for members who have never shown swine before. The grant will purchase 6 feeder pigs, feed and education/support.

Application process includes: An application, essay questions and a letter of reference from your 4-H/FFA leader. All applicants will have an interview with the swine grant committee.

Those selected will attend field trips/meetings, the annual Pork Producer banquet, exhibit at the 2024 Tama County Fair and submit their record book.

More information, a list of guidelines and the application are available at the Extension Office or found on the website under County Fair. **Applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2023 or sooner.**

Applicants will receive information from the Tama County Pork Producers and not the Extension Office.

Registration form is located on our website or contact the Extension Office.

Give the Gift of An Experience



Looking for a unique gift to surprise your grandson, daughter or nephew this year? Give the gift of an experience they'll love! We have several options to choose from for camps and trips in 2024. Just pick your favorite (or a few) of the options listed below and we'll supply you with a gift box to give your loved one for the holidays or birthday.

If you have any questions about a certain experience, please contact your local Iowa State University Extension and Outreach office. Return this completed form with payment to your local office via mail, email, in person or phone.

Jr. Lock-In
Join us at the YMCA for an overnight "Lock In!"
**Cost: \$25 (4-H Member)
\$30 (Non-4-H Member)**
Ages: 4-6th graders
Date: February 23-24

YQCA Bus Trip
Youth will receive their required training to exhibit livestock while visiting various parts of ISU.
Cost: \$40
Ages: 6-12th graders
Date: April 18

Junior Camp
Join us for an overnight fun-filled camping adventure!
**Cost: \$100 (4-H Member)
\$130 (Non 4-H Member)**
Ages: 4-8th graders
Date: June 21-22

State 4-H Conference
Join us for an overnight fun-filled camping adventure!
Cost: Approximately \$180
Ages: 8-12th Grade
Date: June 25-27

Cricut Workshop
Youth will explore how a Cricut works and create fair projects to exhibit.
Cost: \$10
Ages: 4-12th graders
Date: January 20

Frosting Workshop
Youth plan to learn to make a safe frosting and different decorating techniques.
Cost: \$10
Ages: 4-12th graders
Date: February 17

Terrarium Workshop
Youth will build and learn how to manage a terrarium. This can be an exhibit for county fair!
Cost: \$20
Ages: 4-12th graders
Date: March 16

Rock Engraving Workshop
Youth will learn how to engrave a rock and about the career. This can be a county fair exhibit!
Cost: \$ TBD
Ages: 4-12th graders
Date: April 13th(Tentative)

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Upcoming Events



Are you interested in wildlife? Habitats?
Like to learn and compete?

We have a new program for you!!! **WHEP**
(Wildlife Habitat Education Program).

The WHEP program is a hands-on environmental education program. WHEP provides participants the opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly competition, at a state contest.

Tama County is starting our own WHEP program and would love to have you learn more about it.

November 2 at 7 pm at the Tama County Extension Office

We are partnering with the Tama County Conservation Naturalist to learn more about this.

For more information, check out this website
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/whep>



Here is an example....This small dabbling bird prefers shallow water and native grass cover. What is it?

9-12th grade County Council and Officer Training

Congratulations to our 4-H Club officers!! You have accepted a great responsibility.

We will hold an officer training on **Sunday, November 19th** from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Tama County Extension Office for County Council members and those newly elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

As we learn about your important roles, we will be competing in "Minute to Win It" activities. So let's see how much we learn and who wins!!!

December workshops

Mindfulness Workshop

December 17 4-5:30 pm

Extension Office Grades 9-12

Stress is part our lives. Create helpful techniques and hands on items to help calm that stress. RSVP by Dec 13

This is also a county council meeting.

Everybody Kneads Bread

December 28 9 am to 3 pm

Peace Church, Gladbrook Grades 4-8

A STEM day camp examining the science behind baking bread. Join us for a day filled with delicious learning activities and fun-filled game! Plus bread!

RSVP by December 18

County/State Events

Radon in the Home

Worried about Radon at home? How do you know if you have Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. You can't see or smell radon.

Radon can have a big impact on indoor air quality.

Tama County Extension and Outreach in Toledo will be holding a **FREE** informational meeting about Radon.

Topics for discussion on **Wednesday, November 15 from 7:00 –8:30 pm** include:

Radon testing The results of Radon test How different mitigation strategies may be helpful

Pre-registration is required since each household will be receiving a free test kit.

Call 641-484-2703 to register.

Beef Blast

December 2, 2023

Registration Check-in: 9:00 am

Program: 9:30 am—3:30 pm

Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center
Iowa State University (2508 Mortensen Rd)

Theme: Feedlot Fundamentals, Rations, Judging, Marketing, Welfare

For those in grades 7-12th grade

Cost: \$40. Registration includes materials and lunch. Parents are welcome to attend for \$15, covering meal costs.

Registration: Deadline is midnight, November 24. Space is limited.

Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/beef-blast> for registration information.



Equine Blast

December 2, 2023

Registration Check-in: 9:00 am

Program: 9:30 am—3:30 pm

Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center
Iowa State University (2508 Mortensen Rd)

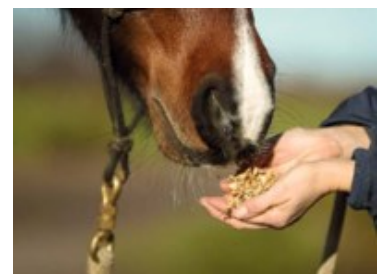
Topics: Veterinarian's perspective on horse ownership, balancing diets, from ground work to training under saddle, showmanship

For those in grades 7-12th grade

Cost: \$40. Registration includes materials and lunch. Parents are welcome to attend for \$15, covering meal costs.

Registration: Deadline is midnight, November 24. Space is limited.

Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/beef-blast> for registration information.



For Fun and to learn about 4-H!

It's fall. Make your own apple sauce. More recipes found at <https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe>

Ingredients

- 4 apples (peeled, cored, and chopped)
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons white sugar (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional)

Directions

1. Combine apples, water, sugar, and cinnamon in a saucepan.
2. Cover and cook over medium heat for 15-20 minutes or until apples are soft.
3. Cool. Mash with a fork or a potato masher.

Tips:

Do not mash applesauce if you prefer the chunky kind.

Can be eaten hot or refrigerated and eaten cold.

Apples that are good for applesauce are Gala, Fuji, Braeburn, and Golden Delicious.



Thank you to everyone who participated in
National 4-H Week!!



We had a great time at our Woodworking workshop on Oct 7th. They have an exhibit AND write up nearly done for the 2024 Tama County Fair! Make sure to check out our upcoming workshops!



Toledo Techs donated money and time to put together 150 Farmers Buckets to show our appreciation!

What are 4-H Clubs and Clover Kids doing this month?

Each month, 4-H Clubs and Clover Kids will have an educational activity that can be led by members (if there is time).



In November —4-H Clubs and Clover Kids will be learning about Veterans Day and the Poppy.

See you soon!



Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendars

November 2	WHEP information meeting
November 7	Ag Career Day (Nov 1 deadline)
November 12	Award Program, Toledo
November 19	Officer Training with County Council
Dec 17	Mindfulness Workshop
Dec 22	Market Beef Weigh-in (snow date 12/23)
Dec 28	Everybody Kneads Bread workshop
Dec 28	YQCA training (Gladbrook)
Dec 28	Hockey Game
March 30	Swine Weigh-In
May 4	Goat & Sheep Weigh-In
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

Winter Break 4-H night at the Waterloo Black Hawks!!

Mark your calendars for Thurs, December 28th for \$10 discounted ticket night of Black Hawk Hockey.



Puck drops at 7:05 pm.

For discounted ticket information, check out the flier found on our website <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/youth-programs>.

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 is November 27, 2023 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:

Thurs. December 28th—5:00-6:00 pm Peace Church Gladbrook

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

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

Thurs. April 18— 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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