



Black Hawk County 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

December—10th: Shooting Sports 9-12pm

December—10th: Beef Weigh—In 8-10am

December 13th: Visual Arts Workshop 5-8pm

December—23rd—27th: Office Closed

January—2nd: Office Closed

January—10th: Fashion Revue Workshop

January—14th: Shooting Sports 9-12pm

February – 4th : UNI Family Fun Night 5-8pm

February—11th: Shooting Sports

**2023 Black Hawk County
4-H & FFA Fair July 18-22**

December 2022

The Important Stuff!

Before we know it, there will be snow on the ground and school will be out for the holiday break! How did this year go so quickly? We hope you did not miss the Black Hawk County 4-H Awards Banquet that was held on November 20th. It was a great opportunity to recognize 4-H youth for their achievements in club activities and project work, and our adult volunteers for their service to the 4-H program. A reminder...please enroll or re-enroll all youth in 4HOnline! This has to be done yearly. While you are enrolling, be sure to sign up for the Visual Arts Holiday Workshop. See [page 2](#) for more information. Give the Extension office a call at 319.234.6811 if you have any questions. Happy holidays!

*Happy
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The Good Stuff!

It was wonderful to host our annual Black Hawk County 4-H Awards Banquet in person this year and to honor the achievements of 4-H awardees, volunteers, and 4-H alumni. We were happy to welcome Brody Kuhse, from the Iowa 4-H State County Council, who shared his love of 4-H and the importance of getting involved in county and state events.

We are so proud of all our award winners and can't wait to see what next year brings! To see more pictures from the event [click here](#).



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Let's Talk December!

All 4-H members wanting to show Market Beef at the 2023 Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair (July 18-22, 2023), must have their animals



weighed in on **Saturday, December 10th. Weigh-in takes place from 8:00-10:00am at Hawkeye Community College Farm.** Youth have to be enrolled in

4-H to attend weigh-in and to enter their animal information in 4HOnline. Clover Kids do not have to weigh-in their animals. Questions? Please call Diane at 319.234.6811

Visual Arts Holiday Workshop

The December Visual Arts Holiday Workshop will be on **Tuesday, December 13th from 5:00-8:00pm at the Black Hawk County Extension Office.** We will be learning how to make holiday wreaths, LED holiday cards, decorate

cookies, and paint a barn quilt canvas with Judy. The event is open to all youth in grades 3-12, so bring a friend! Registration is now open on [4hOnline](#) with a cost of \$5. Space is limited.



Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series

The Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series is back for year two! We will hold the lunch & learns the first Friday of each month via Zoom, January through April, Noon-12:20pm. Volunteers are encouraged to tune into these brief sessions that dive into topics they can apply in their role as an Iowa 4-H volunteer with their clubs or programs. The first zoom will be held on January 6th, here is the [link!](#)



VOLUNTEER LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR SERIES

The Time is Now!

The re-enrollment/enrollment deadline for current 4-H'ers has been extended to December 31st! Enrollment in [4HOnline](#) is required for all 4-H members to be covered by insurance as they attend 4-H meetings and activities. Youth that are new to 4-H after December 31st may still enroll at any time. The \$15 youth enrollment fee may be paid online during enrollment or by cash or check (only) through the Extension office after enrollment. Questions?



4HOnline resources are available on the Iowa 4-H website. For the Family Enrollment Guide, which assists with enrollment steps, please navigate [here](#) and scroll down to the link. This also provides information for adult enrollment. For more help, contact Shelby at shelb@iastate.edu or 319.234.6811.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a high impact program featuring national experts and leaders along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice, and building connections with teens from across the country. For more information visit this [link!](#)

Save the Date!

On Saturday, February 25, 2023, Black Hawk County 4-H will partner with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank for a **4-H**



Service Saturday from 9am-12pm. This will be a family-friendly event to support our community. More details to come!

We have answers to your questions!

Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H [webpage](#), find us on [Facebook](#), or call 319.234.6811!

All 4-H Seniors!

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 \$250 to \$5,000. Thank you to the donors who make these scholarships possible! Read about the scholarships available [here](#).



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 statewide 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. For more information and applications visit the [Iowa 4-H webpage](#).

Pioneer Seed Grants for Iowa 4-H Club Community Improvement Projects

The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. Pioneer will provide up to \$5,000 to selected 4-H clubs in Iowa. For the Pioneer application and information sheet, see this [link](#).



County Workshops!

Join in the learning as we offer four workshops in the upcoming months. All workshops will have a registration page under the events tab on [4hOnline](#) once we get closer to the dates. Join us for our **Visual Arts Holiday Workshop** on December 13th from 5-8pm at the Black Hawk Extension office. Keep in mind our **Fashion Revue/ \$15 Challenge Workshop** on January 10th. In March, we will be offering an “**On Their Own & OK**” Workshop, and the **Jam Workshop** will take place in April.



4-H Project Alert!

Are you looking for a project to complete over the winter months? We had someone donate this doll house thinking it would make a good 4-H project. It is a multi-piece dollhouse set with electricity, furniture, people, and more. Please share this, and if you are interested, please contact us at 319.234.6811.



Shooting Sports Saturday!

Black Hawk County 4-H Shooting Sports will meet on Saturday, December 10th from 9am –12pm. **Please note: Shooting Sports and Archery will now meet every second Saturday each month.**



The Black Hawk County Extension office will be closed December 23th—27th and January 2nd for the holidays.

Introducing... Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts: Clothing and Sewing! 9-12th grade youth are invited to expand their learning in the clothing and sewing project areas by joining Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts! This blended program combines live Zoom club meetings, engaged volunteers, and a bank of resources for monthly technical skill-building challenges housed on Moodle. Basic sewing experience or a minimum of one year of experience in the given project area(s) is recommended.

The meetings will be on the fourth Monday at 6:30PM from January - August of 2023

Youth can register to participate through 4-H Online events; registration is free and is available to a limited number of registrants.



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Clothing and Sewing



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Questions? Please Contact the Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts Team by emailing Bonnie Dalager at bdalager@iastate.edu

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