



HUMBOLDT HAPPENINGS– April 2023

Mark your calendars with the important dates and deadlines listed in the newsletter. If you have any questions please make sure to ask club leaders or give me a call.

Need some ideas for fair exhibits check out the 4-H Project Hot Sheets at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>.

Welcome Baby Gatewood

Name: Castiel Carl

Date: Saturday, March 25

IMPORTANT DEADLINES and DATES:

April 29th – Sheep/Goat Weigh In

May 15th– Livestock ID deadline (horse, dog, cattle, swine, sheep, goats and bucket bottle animals) *All 4-Hers must also be ENROLLED

June 16th– Fair Entry Deadline (June 23rd Late Fee Deadline)

July 6th– Clothing and Communication Judging Day

July 25th –31st– Humboldt County Fair

Theme: ***Spy Your Potential***

Making the Best Better!



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Sheep and Goat Weigh-ins

Humboldt County sheep & meat goat weigh-in is set for **Saturday, April 29th, from 9-11am**. All lambs (market, commercial, and purebred breeding) nominating for State Fair MUST have a 4-H ear tag put in and a retinal image collected at county weigh in. All meat goats (market animal and breeding doe's) must have a 4-H tag (or tattoo for doe's). Retinal images required for all State Fair meat goats, both breeding and market. Again this year Families will have to enter all their own animals into FairEntry once weigh-in over, watch for more information at weigh-in.

EAR TAGS MESSAGE:

To ensure that everyone is getting the tags that they need if families could call the office on Monday's and talk to Nichol. She will then be able to place them in a bag for you to pick up during the week. We will be doing a deposit for any tagger that is checked out from the office. The deposit will be \$15 and you will get it back once you return the tagger and you will have 24 hours to get the tagger back.

Animal Identification– May 15th

All animals to be shown at the Humboldt County Fair, Iowa State Fair, or Clay County Fair must complete the identification process on 4-H Online before 11:59pm on May 15th (the only paper copies I will be accepting are FFA Members. **Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Meat Goats, Market Swine, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Horse and Pony, Dog, Bucket Bottle Animals have to be IDed by May 15th.** Pets, Cat, Rabbit, Poultry (those are due June 16th with livestock entries, but check with other counties on due dates if you are planning on showing in a different county. Login to 4HOnline and identify your animals, at <https://v2.4honline.com>. **Don't be afraid to reach out for help if needed,** we are always available from 8-4:30 Monday– Thursday and 8-12 Fridays. **What happens if you forget to login and id your animals in 4HOnline?** You will not be able to exhibit those animals at any fair. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**; please don't miss this deadline.

Fair Entries on FairEntry ~Due Friday, June 16th~

Make your Fair Entries for **STATIC & LIVESTOCK** at <http://humboltdistrictfair.fairentry.com/> You will use your 4-H Online log-in username and password to make entries, in FairEntry. You will also need to enter your YQCA certificate number for livestock. Helpsheets are on the [Humboldt 4-H website](#). Static, Clothing & Communication Projects will also need to be entered by June 16. There will be a week for late entries so those are due June 23rd, you will pay 5 times the entry for those late entries. Same process as in the past that you will use this website: to register and it will open May 16th.

4-H 202 Livestock Show Requirements

This publication is a required reading for anyone who plans to show livestock at any show. Review this for the most up to date rules and requirements for showing and identifying your livestock. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194>



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Parties, Activities, Shopping, Volunteering

Many clubs are planning holiday parties, fun activities, shopping, and community volunteering, I commend you all for that! Please keep our risk management and insurance policies in mind. Holly or Nichol can help with any questions, please contact them at humboldt4h@iastate.edu for questions or to inform them of your club plans! Any photos of your club activities are also welcome!

2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 27-June 29

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'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. 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. Check the [Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Website](#) for continued updates regarding the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Registration closes on June 1—go to [4hOnline](#) and click EVENTS on the left side of your screen. You can also check out financial aid applications, due any time before June 1 to the [Iowa 4-H Foundation](#).

Showing Swine at a County Fair?

If you plan to exhibit swine at the county fair you will need to come in and get ear tags at the Extension Office. This is required for both 4-H/ FFA swine that will be shown at the Humboldt County Fair. When picking up ear tags information needed will be youth name and number needed for the youth. **Remember your animal needs to be both ear notched, and have an ear tag, both of these need to be on the swine ID for entered into 4-HOnline or paper for FFA Members by May 15th . All State Fair swine must have a DNA punch tag and USDA Tag. You as the family will be required to tag your own animals this year.**

Safe Frosting for Iowa 4-H Fairs

Along with the [Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide \(2023\)](#), our colleagues at AnswerLine recently shared the blog post [“Safe Frosting for Iowa 4-H Fairs”](#). Staff are encouraged to share this blog widely with 4-H members and families, as well as have printed copies available for Food and Nutrition judges at county fair.



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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 (4th– 12th graders) with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA will be replacing the old verification services called FSQA. YQCA certification is the new required youth quality assurance certification. If you are planning on showing any of these animals you need to complete YQCA.

- Swine
- Cattle
- Sheep
- Goats
- Rabbits
- Poultry

YQCA is available as an online program for youth, you can now view it on your own time.

To access the training, go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and click the purple button to REGISTER/SIGN IN. If you have previously used this platform, sign-in using your log-in information (or hit the FORGOT link). If this is your first time at YQCA, you can register and create a new account to access the training. There is a **\$12 fee per child** to complete this training, which is paid when you log in your child. Financial Assistance is available by contacting our office. Please have your training completed by **June 1, 2023**. Once you have completed the training you will see a certificate on your screen, please screen shot the certificate and email that certificate to hollyk@iastate.edu as proof of completion. You will also need the Certificate Number for Fair Entry.

THIS YEAR IT WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE COMPLETE BEFORE YOU DO ENTRIES FOR THE FAIR.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



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Humboldt County 4-H Day Camps 2023



ON THEIR OWN & OK! Cost: \$20

June 7, 9am-3pm, **4-8th Grade**

On Their Own & OK builds self-care skills in youth to help them make good decisions while staying home alone. This camp reinforces how to act in an emergency, helps young people handle boredom without technology, and recommends age-appropriate chores.



A SEARCH FOR THE SOURCE Cost: \$10

June 12, **K-3rd Grade** **Session 1: 9AM-12PM Session 2: 1PM-4PM**

Where does our food come from? Let's find out! Participants will have the opportunity to learn what agriculture is, explore different types of farming, and search for the source of the food we eat every day.



READY, SET, ROBOT! Cost: \$10

June 22, **K-3rd Grade** **Session 1: 9AM-12PM Session 2: 1PM-4PM**

Robotics is a wide, quickly growing field in science. Local kindergarteners through 3rd graders are invited to discover this new world with us! Youth will learn about the engineering design process, tinker with various types of robots, and work through basic robot coding.



EVERYBODY KNEADS BREAD Cost: \$20

July 10, 9am-3pm, **4-8th Grade**

Bread making may seem like a daunting task, but it can actually be quite simple! Join us as we experiment in the kitchen, taste test different types of bread, and play some funtastic food games.

All camps will take place at the Humboldt County Extension Office



To Register, VISIT v2.4honline.com

All local youth are invited to attend

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program

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FAIR BOOK CHANGES

Production Beef Class—NEW CLASS

This class will consist of real world conditions of the cattle industry and your animal. This will be an added class that you will have to sign up for it in June when you register your animal for the fair. The cattle will be judged by the judge of the 4H beef show and will also have a couple of local guest judges that the cattlemen will pick to help the judge make the decision. There will be one champion production steer, and one champion production heifer. All steers will show against each other regardless of weight, and the heifers will do the same. Depending on how many entrants there are for each class we may have to split them for room in the show ring, but this will be determined once registration is complete.

This class will be shown right after the second year bucket/bottle calf show. Cattle will also be allowed to compete in the regular show as usual as long as they are signed up for both! The production class will be based more on animal performance.

Judges will be looking at the following from the entrants: Profitability, Feed Efficiency, Rate of Gain, Input Cost/Feed Cost/Health Cost, and Carcass grade of the animal.

Further questions can be directed to Beef Superintendent- 515-227-1253

4-H Awardrobe: Innovative Design—NEW CLASS

- The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
- These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
- The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
- Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
- Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

Clothing \$20 Challenge—Change from \$15 Challenge

Thrifty Meal Challenge (\$11 Budget)—Change from \$10 Meal Challenge

Food and Nutrition—Change—Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.

Summer Help Wanted!

Join us this summer to have the amazing opportunity for a hands-on experience to learn how to grow plants to eat, flowers, bees and more!! Get an inside look at community involvement, leadership, planning and preparation for future events and fundraisers, as well as lesson planning for elementary gardening classes from the Humboldt County Conservation Teacher of the Year, Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (ICEC) Teacher of the Year and Registered and Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist. Hours are flexible, up to 20 hours per week (for June, July and August). Must be 16 years of age or older to apply. Prepare to get your hands dirty, and to open your mind to the possibilities of incorporating gardening in a public school setting. [Please see full description and details here.](#)

For more information and to apply, please contact: Kelsey Wigans, kwigans@gcb.k12.ia.us (515) 373-6124



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