



## **HUMBOLDT HAPPENINGS– December 2023**

4-H Family,

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. I can't believe it is almost Christmas! Where did this year go? Many of your clubs are doing community work during this holiday season, I am SO very proud of each and every one of you.

Here's to a bright, safe holiday season!

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my last day with Humboldt County 4-H will be December 30th. I have accepted a position outside of Iowa State Extension and Outreach.

I have loved my time with Humboldt County 4-H which made this an incredibly hard decision to take the next step in my career. Together, we worked through COVID-19, county fairs, overnight trips, and many meetings, while developing lifelong friendships with youth and families. My time with Humboldt County 4-H has been nothing short of amazing the past 10 years, and I am deeply grateful for the friendships, experiences, and growth that I have gained during my time here. While I am eager to embark on this new chapter, I will always cherish the memories and relationships that I have built here. I'll still be around Humboldt County so this isn't a goodbye, just a see you around!

Humboldt County Extension and Outreach will start the hiring process in the next couple of weeks. Please reach out if you or someone you know are interested in the position.

Thank you for everything,

Kiersten Gatewood

Making the Best Better!

**4-H Enrollment is Open please get re-enrolled so that you don't miss any information. Please remember that if you are not enrolled but attending club events you are NOT covered by 4-H insurance. SO PLEASE RE-ENROLL as soon as possible!**



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## Beef Weigh ins

We will be having our annual beef weigh ins on **Saturday, January 6th at 1pm** at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds. If you plan to have a market beef project (Market Steer, 2nd Year Bottle Calf, Pen of three) at the fair next year, you **must have** them weighed in. Please keep in mind that if you have a heifer, but are unsure if she will be shown as a market or a breeding animal, it would be in your best interest to weigh her in. You can change her from a market to a breeding beef at livestock ID time, but you will not be able to enter her as market if you change your mind and she was not weighed in. **If you are unable to attend our weigh in date, you will need to call Kiersten for a list of neighboring county dates and times. Please keep in mind that other counties may have weigh in charges.**

## 4-H Newsletters

We are excited that newsletters are available to read anywhere! Newsletters are emailed through 4HOnline to all 4-H members who have enrolled in 4HOnline. The newsletter will continue to be available on Facebook, our website and now attached to your 4-H Online email. Prefer a physical copy? Please email Kiersten (kbeilke@iastate.edu) to request a physical copy mailed to you, she will need your mailing address when you reach out to her.

## State 4-H Recognition Day

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. Things you are able to apply for are: State Project Awards, National 4-H Conference, State 4-H Council, State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, and Iowa 4-H Reporters Program. **Application will open Jan 1st and due by Feb 1st.** Please let Kiersten know if you have any questions.

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES and DATES:**

Jan 6th– Cattle Weigh– in at 1pm

May 15th– Livestock ID deadline (horse, dog, cattle, swine, sheep, goats and bucket bottle animals)

July 23rd– 29th Humboldt County Fair

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DEC 1ST**

# **SENIOR LOCK-IN**

**HIDDEN ACRES- DAYTON IA**

**Friday Dec 29th 11am - Saturday Dec 30th  
9am**



**4-H MEMBERS 9-12TH GRADERS**

**REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE IN  
EVENTS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT  
BROOM BALL**

**BLACK LIGHT DODGE BALL  
SWIMMING**

**BAKING CHALLENGE  
FREE TIME**



**PARTICIPATING COUNTIES: BUENA VISTA, HAMILTON,  
HUMBOLDT, POCHONTAS, WEBSTER**

**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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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

DEC 20TH

# *Junior* **WINTER** *Retreat*

4th-6th Grade 4-Her's

**JAN 27th** | **10 AM** | **\$20**  
**3 PM** | Per Person

Spend Saturday with us at the Rec Center in Sac City! Participate in team building activities, swimming, ice skating (weather permitting), and much more!

Call Your County's  
Extension Office to  
register or sign up under  
the Events tab in  
4HOnline!

"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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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.

The way to complete this training is to go to <http://yqca.org/>, sign in using your 4-H Online log in. There is a **\$13 fee per child** to go with this training (if you need financial assistance please contact the office) which is paid when you log in your child. I ask that you have your training completed by **June 1st 2024.** Once you have completed the training you will see a certificate on your screen, you will then have to email that certificate to [humboldt4h@iastate.edu](mailto:humboldt4h@iastate.edu) so that I have proof you completed it.

**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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