



HUMBOLDT HAPPENINGS– February 2022

This winter has had plenty of snowy and slippery days. If you're stuck at home, consider working on a project/exhibit you could take to the fair. Already have your exhibit ready? Consider writing up your goals for the exhibit. You could even read the entire newsletter, carefully, so you can take advantage of all the 4-H activities coming up. There are many opportunities to learn new things, make new friends, and have fun at the same time.

Need some ideas for fair exhibits check out the 4-H Project Hot Sheets at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4-h-project-hot-sheets>. Each Project Hot Sheet gives exhibit ideas.

Lets make 2022 another wonderful year in 4-H!

Making the Best Better!

Kiersten Gatewood

4-H Enrollment is Open please read the newsletter for more information on how to get enrolled. V2.4honline.com

Humboldt County Fair Dates for 2022 are July 19th-25th.



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Volunteer Lunch and Learn

NEW Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series! Iowa 4-H is excited to share a new learning opportunity for our 4-H volunteers. We are offering a Volunteer Lunch & Learn series via Zoom in the months of January through April 2022. The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15-20 minutes sessions that dive into topics that 4-H volunteers can apply to their role. The sessions will be held on the first Friday of the month at Noon. The Lunch & Learn series is an opportunity for volunteers to gain new ideas, tips, and resource information that can be implemented into 4-H clubs and programming. We hope the quick 15-20 minute sessions provide an additional support to you in your volunteer role with Iowa 4-H!

February-April topics and dates are listed below.

February 4th @ Noon- Learn from a 4-H volunteer on how incorporating yearly club themes and projects into their Club has been successful

March 4th @ Noon- Learn about accommodations- information and tips on making 4-H accessible for all

April 1st @ Noon- Learn resources & supports to help prepare youth for the fair

All of the sessions can be accessed with this Zoom link: <http://go.iastate.edu/R0BG6A>

We hope to “see” many of our Iowa 4-H volunteers on the lunch & learn series and that as volunteers you are able to take away new ideas to support the volunteer leader role with Iowa 4-H. If you would like to print or save the Volunteer Lunch & Learn Webinar Series flyer you can access the flyer by clicking [here](#) or go to <https://iastate.box.com/v/volunteerlunchandlearnflyer>.

Thank you for volunteering with Iowa 4-H! Please reach out to your local 4-H staff for assistance and support.

2022 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality? Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Previous winners are ineligible.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2022**.

2022 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic

Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 7th from 9am-3pm at Ma's Acres in Bondurant, IA the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a **FREE** dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic. Ring procedures and goat care will be covered. So...if you have a goat or desire to own a goat one day this is an excellent opportunity to see what it's all about. Please RSVP by texting Judi Nayeri at 515-250-4836 for this **FREE** event by April 30. Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA's Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600. Hope to see you there!

4-H College Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the 2022 scholarship programs for Iowa 4-H'ers attending or planning to attend college in the fall of 2022. More than 80 scholarships are available to Iowa 4-H'ers pursuing various fields of study at an Iowa Regent University, Iowa Private College, or Iowa Community College. Applications are available on-line and are due before or on March 1, 2022.

4-H Scholarship information, forms, and applications are available on the 4-H public web page: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/



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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 it go to <http://yqca.org/> , sign in using your 4-H Online log in. There is a **\$12 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 2022**. 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 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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