



HUMBOLDT HAPPENINGS– February 2023

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 2023 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 2023 are July 25th– 31st.

Reminder about Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8-4:30 and Friday 8-12



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Helping 4-H Youth Thrive (2022-2023)

Volunteers who are club, project, or Clover Kid leaders, SESS leaders or assistant leaders attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development knowledge and skills. Training occurs in each county and is designated as the annual training module.

Learn strategies to create a positive and supportive environment for youth and develop a stronger understanding of the importance of emotional and social well-being and the impact it has on today's youth. In addition, gain resources that can be used with 4-H youth throughout the year. Resources from the training are posted on the [Volunteer Resources webpage](#).

Humboldt County will be holding their training Feb 22nd with a light meal being served at 5:30 with training starting at 6pm. Nichol will present a short presentation on the Thrive Model but we will be talking a lot of how the office is going to operate while I am out on Maturity Leave, including picking foodstand shift. Please let Kiersten know if you are able to attend so that she can have enough food ordered.

2023 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 where to start?

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, 2023**.

2023 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic

Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 6th 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 McIvor 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 2023 scholarship programs for Iowa 4-H'ers attending or planning to attend college in the fall of 2023. 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, 2023.

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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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 animals on their own once weigh in over, watch for more information at weigh.

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.

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. You simply 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 county fair. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**; please don't miss this deadline.

EAR TAGS MESSAGE:

In preparation with Kiersten going on leave. If you know how many ear tags (breeding beef, bottle animals, swine) you will be needing please reach out to her so that she can get them ready for you. 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.

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)

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

July 25th –31st– Humboldt 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.

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 2023**. 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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