



## **HUMBOLDT HAPPENINGS– October 2023**

4-H Family,

I appreciate you taking the time to read this newsletter but for just one moment, I want you to put it down (don't forget to pick it back up when you're done though ), sit back, close your eyes, and think about what you are thankful for. I hope you were able to think of many things. Our lives are so terribly busy that we seldom find the time to just take a minute and relish all of the good things we have. Too often they are clouded over by how many things we have to get done in a day, or what we have to do at work, or how our bills are going to get paid, etc. So I challenge you to take a moment like that every day this month, and share your thankfulness with others. Tell your family members you love them and are proud of them. Thank a friend for helping you make it through your tough days. Do a random act of kindness for someone you don't even know! Give yourself a pat on the back for everything you do. I hope you have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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!**

**Would you like to continue receiving the 4-H Family Newsletter in the mail?**

**If so, please contact the Humboldt County Extension and Outreach Office.**

When calling or email please include the following information: **Family Name and Address.**

The 4-H Family Newsletter can also be found on Humboldt County Extension and Outreach webpage or on 4-H Online.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/humboldt/4h>

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## **Mark your Calendars for November 12th at 2pm...**

We will be having our 4-H & Volunteer Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 12th at 2pm at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds in the **SOUTH EVENT CENTER**. This is a wonderful time where we can ALL get together and celebrate all of the accomplishments and successes we have had together this last year. We can honor, award, congratulate, celebrate, share and enjoy each others company all in one great night. So 4-Her's, families, leaders, volunteers and supporters please make the time to attend this great night. After the banquet will be the annual 4-H Foundation Auction. Please RSVP by Nov 10th to Kiersten as we will have bars and cookies to share.

## **We need your creativity...**

I would like to ask each clubs to donate 2 items for center pieces for the Awards Banquet. This will later be given out as Door Prizes at the end of the night. If you could bring them to the Extension Office by November 10th that would be greatly appreciated. Some ideas include: themed baskets such as movie night, athletics, homemade goodies, pie of the month, breakfast in a box, Gift card/certificates, homemade items like fleece blankets, bags. **Also if your club would like to donate to the 4-H Foundation Auction, please let Kiersten know.** Any Questions? Call Kiersten at 332-2201.

## **4-H Foundation Auctions**

Humboldt County 4-H Foundation will be doing an auction again at the awards banquet on Nov 13th . They are willing to take donations, but please let Kiersten know if you would like to donate to the auction by Nov 10th. The 4-H Foundation support the 4-Hers by providing trip scholarship, college scholarship, etc. Please help show our support by donating some items.

## **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.

## **What are you THANKFUL for?**

It has been a tradition for 4H clubs to show their appreciation throughout the year to local businesses and supporters. This year, it will be for Thanksgiving. Please talk with your clubs and decide what YOU could do to show the people in your community that you are thankful! Make a list of businesses that have supported you at the fair auction or with a donation or a trophy and take them a yummy snack...or think of an adult who has put on a fantastic workshop or given an informative visit...maybe there is a park or business in town in need to cleaning, repair, or painting...or maybe you could spend some time at a nursing home or drop in center doing crafts or leading a fun activity! Sometimes a simple handmade card acknowledging your thankfulness is all it takes to make someone's day...so you have your assignment. Run with it, be thankful, and show your community that 4-H is a program that holds Citizenship to a high standard. And share your plans with the office...we LOVE to be proud of our 4-Hers!!



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# **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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# 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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