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# **4-H UPDATES**



### Official Newsletter of Sumner County 4-H





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### 4-H is Heating Up!

Warmer days mean one thing—a busy and exciting season of 4-H activities is just around the corner! From project workshops and county fairs to camps and leadership events, there are countless opportunities for youth to learn, grow, and have fun. Now is the time to start planning and getting involved, so don't miss out on the chance to showcase your hard work, make new friends, and create lasting memories. Stay tuned for important dates and details, and get ready for a fantastic spring and summer in 4-H!





# Program News & Updates



### Rabies Clinic Hosted by Happy Hustlers 4-H Club And Dr. Hayley Bruey-Thompson of Blackwell Animal Clinic



Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm South Haven Community Building Cash or Checks Accepted- No Cards Rabies (3 year) \$15 DHLP \$20 DHLP \$20 DCR \$15 Feluk \$25

South Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by Happy Hustlers 4-H



Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 1PM South Haven Fairground Age 0-12

### 4-H Scrapbooking Class

An exciting learning opportunity has come about for 4-Her's interested in learning about scrapbooking. One of our PDC members has graciously invited any Sumner County 4-H to come to the Raymond Frye on April 12th for a scrapbooking class. This is a free class where you need minimal supplies.

If you are interested in attending please check your email for more information or reach out to the Extension Office.

### **4-H Club Community Events**

Several Sumner County 4-H Clubs have fun community events coming up. The Belle Plaine Buccaneers have their annual community Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th. The event is open to all Belle Plaine area residents and is always a fun time.

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club has two community events coming up in South Haven. The first is a Rabies Clinic on April 19th. Also on the 19th after the Rabies Clinic, the club will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt. It will begin at 1:00pm and ages 1-12 are welcome. More information can be seen on the flyers on this page. If you have any questions regarding either club's events please contact the Extension Office.



# Agent Notes



### **Defining and Building Our 4-H Culture**

Many people have heard the term "work culture" and understand its value. But what does it truly mean, and how does it apply to 4-H?

Work culture is defined as the shared values, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors that shape how an organization operates. It influences how people interact, how tasks are completed, and ultimately, the success of the organization. However, our 4-H "work culture" goes beyond that definition—it includes the efforts we make to ensure the success of our youth participants.

#### Why Does 4-H Work Culture Matter?

At its core, 4-H exists to make a positive impact on youth and set them up for long-term success. This mission guides everything we do, from record-keeping and event planning to traditions that may seem different from other organizations. Our culture is intentional—it is built around the success and growth of our youth.

For this culture to thrive, however, we need youth to be active participants in the program.

#### Involving Youth in Our Culture

Today's families have countless options for extracurricular activities—school clubs, sports, church groups, and more. For 4-H to truly make an impact, youth must engage in the culture we are building. This means not just attending meetings but actively participating in local, county-wide, and state-wide events. So, how do we encourage greater involvement? By showing youth that they matter and that they have a voice. In 4-H, youth are not just participants; they are decision-makers. They help shape their experiences, decide on projects, and influence the direction of the program.

#### **Opportunity to Shape the Future**

Right now, Sumner County 4-H is in a period of transformation. Our program is in a season of change and with change comes opportunity. The youth involved today have a unique chance to refine our culture, setting the tone for the next 1, 5, or even 10 years.

#### Show Up & Be Heard

My challenge to all 4-H members and families is simple: **Show up**. Attend meetings, participate in events, and engage in shaping the program. The more you invest in 4-H, the more you will gain from it.

This is your program, and your voice matters. By showing up, you have the power to influence what 4-H looks like now and in the future. Let's build a culture that supports and uplifts our youth—together. Will you be part of shaping the future of Sumner County 4-H? It starts with showing up.



# Spring is Here! I Hope....

WHO'S READY FOR LIGHT UNTIL 8:00PM?



# **Club News**



# Happy Hustlers

The Happy Hustlers have been hard at work! They have been working on a large panel project as well as project talks. The club even has two more service projects coming up with their annual Rabies Clinic and South Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt. Both events will talk place on April 19th at the South Haven community building. The rabies clinic will be from 10:00am to 12:00pm and the Easter Egg Hunt will start at 1:00pm.



# **Cardinals**

That Cardinals had a fun filled month. The club went to he Chisholm Trail Museum for their March 9th meeting. Lots of learning was had by all. While at the museum members completed a scavenger hunt before hosting their meeting at the on-site museum library.





### **Trailblazers**

The Trailblazers 4-H Club has been hard at work helping the community. The club has been collecting and packaging up items to be given to the Sunflower Cottage in the local hospital. Also club members have been giving talks during club meetings about a variety of projects that their members are engaged in.

## Buccaneers

The Belle Plaine Buccaneers are getting ready for their annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be held on April 5th in Belle Plaine and is a fun event that engages the community.



# 4-H Council Meeting

MAY 27TH @ 7:00 PM



**Meeting Tips** 

#### **ROTATING RESPONSABILITIES**

NO ONE LIKES TO BE THE ONLY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ITEM AT EVERY SINGLE CLUB MEETING. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ROTATE RESPONSIBILITIES AND SHARE THE WORKLOAD.

SHARING THE LOAD HELPS TO:

- PREVENT BURN OUT
- INCREASES CLUB CREATIVITY
- TEACHES ACCOUNTABILITY
- ENCOURAGES ENGAGEMENT
- BUILDS CONFIDENCE
- PREPARES FAMILIES/YOUTH FOR
  FUTURE ROLES
- PROMOTES TEAMWORK
- CREATES A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP

KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN PLANNING CLUB EVENTS.

ONE TIP WOULD BE TO CREATE A SCHEDULE AND HAND IT OUT TO FAMILIES SO YOU CAN KEEP TRACK OF WHO IS HELPING WITH WHAT.





### **Looking Ahead**

April

- 1st; Senior Scholarships Due
- 12th; Scrapbook class @ RFC
- 16th; Virtual Sheep & Goat Project Meeting
- 20th; Beef DNA Envelope Orders Due

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- 1st; Beef Nominations Due
- 1st; Project Add/Drop Date
- 27th; 4-H Council @ RFC @ 7:00pm







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