



4-H Family News

March 2009

Dates to Remember

Dear 4-H Families,

This is the last newsletter you will receive before fair. Please read through it carefully as it does contain a lot of reminders and very important due dates for fair.

Junior Camp is just around the corner! We will be taking 20 members as well as 2 counselors with us to Cedar Springs Camp near Floyd, Iowa. Once we return from camp, fair entry packets will go out. Don't forget, these forms are due July 1.

Our summer intern this year is very knowledgeable with Hancock County 4-H and to many of our members and leaders. Miss Morgan Greiman is doing a wonderful job helping us as we continue to prepare for fair. Please feel free to contact her with any 4-H and fair related questions you may have.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call, e-mail or stop by the office!

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June

- 2 Horse Workout
- 4-5 Jr. Camp
- 6 Garner Lucky Clovers
- 8 Extreme Challenge Camp Deadline
- 9 Horse Workout
- 12 Horsing Around Camp Deadline
- 15 Pet, Poultry & Rabbit ID Forms Due
- 16 Horse Workout
- 18 Achievement Show - Orthel Jolly Workers
- 18 P.E. Camp Deadline
- 19 Food Craze Camp Deadline
- 20 Fair Clean-Up
- 20 Achievement Show - Britt Broncos
- 23 Photo Challenge
- 23 Horse Workout
- 29 Achievement Show - County
- 30 Horse Workout
- 30 State 4-H Conference Begins
- 30 Fun With Seeds Camp Deadline

July

- 1 Fair Entry Forms Due
- 1 FSQA certification Deadline
- 2 State 4-H Conference Ends
- 7 Horse Workout
- 13 Clothing Event - Judging
- 14 Horse Workout
- 21 Judging Day
- 27 Fair Auction

August

- 13-23 Iowa State Fair

Misty's Office Hours: Monday-Friday from
10 am-4:30 pm. Call, e-mail, or stop on by!
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Hancock County

Fair Ground Beautification

Date Change: Due to a scheduling conflict, the Fair Board has changed work day to June 20th rain or shine. Various jobs have been identified for 4-H members to assist with on this day including landscaping and painting. The majority of the painting can be done inside if the weather does not cooperate so bring work gloves and a paint brush. The work will begin at 8:30 and continue until the work is done. Any amount of time 4-H members and their families can give will be greatly appreciated.



State Fair Communication Dates

Anyone who is participating in an Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit or Share the Fun act needs to keep the following dates in mind. If a member is selected to take their communication activity to the Iowa State Fair they will need to choose one of the following dates and times.

Educational Presentation

Aug. 13 - Afternoon(2) Aug. 14 - Morning(2)
Aug. 18 - Afternoon(1) Aug. 19 - Morning(1)

Working Exhibit

Aug. 13 - Morning(1) Aug. 14 - Morning(1)
Aug. 18 - Morning(1) Aug. 19 - Afternoon(1)

Share-the-Fun

Aug. 13 - 5pm(1) Aug. 14 - Noon(1)
Aug. 18 - 5pm(1)

Clothing Event

The clothing event is the judging of the Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue and \$15 Challenge. Remember, members must be enrolled in the clothing project to participate in Fashion Revue but any member can participate in the other two. This event will take place at the Extension Office on Monday, July 13 from approximately 10a.m. to 2p.m. Each person will be given a specific time for their judging. Clothing Event report forms will arrive in your fair entry packets and are due to the Extension Office on July 1 with all other fair entry forms. Please include a note if there are specific times that do not work for you. Every attempt will be made to schedule around conflicts if known in advance. A schedule will be made and mailed to all participants prior to the 13th. Anyone participating in the Clothing Event also needs to participate in the Style Show at 3p.m. on Saturday during the fair.



Photography Challenge

Who: Any 4-H member

What: Photo Challenge

Where: Pilot Knob

When: Tuesday, June 23 from 5-7

Please pre-register by Tuesday, June 16!

Why: Something fun and new to do!!

Cost: \$10 This will cover the cost of photo processing, enlarging 1 photo to a 5 X 7 size, and a photo matte. This must be paid on June 23rd before you receive your camera. Please make checks out to Hancock County Extension.



Graduating Seniors

If you plan on applying for the Mitchell and Ida Mae Bock Scholarship you must have at least two exhibits at fair and turn in your record book. Watch for more details on the application process.



Extension Summer Day Camps

Looking for a fun activity to fill the lazy days of summer? Why not join us for one of our exciting day camps. All of our camps are being offered in Garner and Britt so choose the location that best suits your schedule. These camps are open to all youth in grades K-6 in Hancock County. Space is limited so send your forms in fast!



Garden Project

Watch the mail for information on garden checks. If you plan to try for a garden award at the County Awards Program in November you must have your garden checked by Superintendent Theresa Snyder. Not interested in an award? Theresa is more than willing to help answer questions and trouble shoot anything that may come up.



Achievement Show

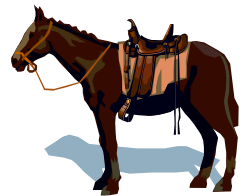
New this year! All junior members are required to take their Family Consumer Science (Home Ec.) and SMA exhibits to an achievement show. There are three achievement shows that members may choose from:

- June 18** **Orthel Jolly Workers Achievement Show**, Noon-7p.m., Britt Municipal Building.
- June 20** **Britt Broncos Achievement Show**, 9a.m. -11a.m., SMA building at the fair grounds.
- June 29** **County Achievement Show**, 10a.m. - 1p.m. & 2-4p.m., Extension Office.

Still can't fit it into your schedule? Contact Misty at the Extension Office for other options. Intermediate and Senior members are strongly encouraged to attend. The achievement show offers a very valuable opportunity for members to get assistance putting the finishing touches on fair exhibits.

Horse Workouts

Horse Workouts will be held every Tuesday at 7p.m. at the fair grounds from now until the fair. All members are welcome to attend with or without their horse but don't forget your helmet if you plan to ride. Helmets are required any time a member is on a horse. If you have questions contact Laurie Hadacek at 641-860-0140 or Crystal Drake at 641-843-8214.



Calling Hancock County Teens!

Once again we have two exciting events that are being planned just for you! The **Teen Dance** will be held on Wednesday, July 22 from 7p.m.-11p.m. in the Open Flower building. This will be the 2nd year for the **Teen Challenge**. Put together a group of 2 to 4 friends in grades 4-12 and try to be the fastest team to answer the riddles and complete the challenges. Both of these events are open to all teens in Hancock County and beyond.



State Fair Barn Quilt

Do you like drawing up designs for barn quilts? If so, you won't want to miss this. The Iowa State Fair is encouraging each county to submit a design that will adorn the new building. The Hancock County Fair Board has decided to hold a contest during fair. Any resident, adult or youth, may submit a drawing. More details will soon be available at the Extension Office.

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Adult Volunteers Needed!

Every year we rely on the generosity of 4-H parents as well as other adults in our county to serve as night watchmen, who check over the livestock exhibits and host/hostess, who act as greeters & ensure the exhibits in the SMA building are secure. Following are the times we need to fill. Please check your schedule and contact the Extension Office if you are able to assist with this.

Host/Hostess

Thurs., July 23	6-9p.m.
Fri., July 24	Noon-3p.m. 3-6p.m. 6-9p.m.
Sat., July 25	Noon-3p.m. 3-6p.m. 6-9p.m.
Sun., July 26	Noon-3p.m. 3-6p.m.

Night Watchmen

Two people are needed for each night. Each shift is 10p.m. to 12a.m.

Wed., July 22
Thurs., July 23
Fri., July 24
Sat., July 25
Sun., July 26

State Fair Entry

We have been informed that the State Fair will be sending entry forms to counties in the first week of June. If you are planning on showing any livestock or horticulture exhibits at the State Fair please contact the Extension Office. All 4-H entries **must** go through the Extension Office.

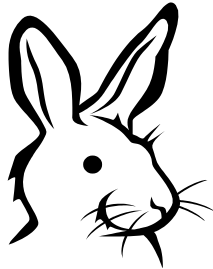
This is the second year that the Iowa State Fair Premium Book will **only** be available online at www.iowastatefair.org Participants and Extension Offices **will not** be receiving a paper copy.

Fair Entry Packets

Fair entry packets will be mailed out no later than Monday, June 8. These packets should contain everything you will need to enter your exhibits for fair. The packet also contains a **very** detailed letter on how to fill out the forms so make sure to read it as there are a few changes this year. All fair entries are due by close of day on July 1. If you have any questions please call.

Pet, Poultry, and Rabbit Forms

Pet, Poultry, and Rabbit ID forms are due to the Extension office by **June 15** in order for exhibitors to exhibit these animals at the Hancock County Fair.



FSQA

Remember, all members showing any beef or swine at fair must be FSQA certified by July 1. Still need to take the test? Call Misty at the Extension Office.



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