



4-H Family News

May 2011

Dates to Remember

May

- 19 Dog Obedience Class Begins
- 24 Horse Workout
- 25 Jr. Camp Registrations Due
- 26 Last Chance FSQA Training
- 27 Broiler Chick Challenge Forms Due

June

- 2 Summer Explorations Registration Due
- 2-3 Jr. Camp!
- 6 Broiler Chick Pick-Up
- 11 Fair Spruce-Up Day
- 13-15 Summer Explorations Day Camp
- 16 Orthel Jolly Workers Achievement Show
- 25 Britt Broncos Achievement Show
- 29 County Achievement Show

July

- 1 County & State Fair Entry Form Due
- 8 Pick-Up Photo Challenge Cameras
- 11 Photo Challenge Cameras Due
- 18 Clothing Event - Judging
- 23 Fair Set-Up Day

Hancock County Fair - July 26-August 1

Iowa State Fair - August 11-21

Dear 4-H Families,

Spring is here which means summer, and fair, is just around the corner. This newsletter is FULL of a lot of very important information and deadlines so make sure to read it carefully.

Danika Carlson is the summer program assistant this year. She brings with her many years of 4-H experience and knowledge in a variety of project areas.

This will be our second year as a district fair so all of the glitches may not yet be worked out. Again I ask for everyone's patience. The non-livestock fair classes have also changed this year however, I think things are much clearer now than they have ever been. As always, ask questions at any time. There are no silly questions but there are consequences for not having paperwork done correctly and turned in on time.

Keep working in your project areas and as always, let me know if you have any questions.

Misty Hinson
CYC

Misty's Office Hours

You can find me in the office
Monday-Friday from 10 am-4:30pm.
Call, e-mail, or stop on by!

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Hancock County

State Fair Livestock Information

All 2011 State Fair 4-H Livestock information is available by going to:

(www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateFair/livestock.htm). Under Exhibitor Info at the bottom you will find exhibitor letters for each livestock specie, livestock schedule, a detailed schedule for each show and exhibitor ticket order form. You must fill out and submit this order form on your own to get parking tickets.

Under Forms you will find two versions of the State Fair livestock entry form; either one will be accepted. Remember, all State Fair entry forms **MUST** be turned in to the Extension Office by July 1, 2011

The Iowa State Fair premium book can be found by going to (www.iowastatefair.org/competition)

Photography Challenge



Who: Any 4-H member

What: Photo Challenge

How: Pick-up disposable camera from the Extension Office (8am-4:30pm) on Friday, July 8th. Take pictures and return camera to the Extension Office on Monday, July 11.

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 by July 8th before you receive your camera. Please make checks out to Hancock County Extension.

Broiler Chick Challenge



We will once again be holding the broiler chick challenge however, members must be enrolled in the poultry project to participate. Entry forms have been sent out by mail and e-mail. If you are interested participating it is not too late to sign up for poultry! Forms and payment must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 27th.

County of Origin Labeling (COOL)

COOL has been implemented by the USDA and is **MANDATORY** for all species of livestock sold and consumed by the public. If you have questions about what needs to be done visit (www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock.htm) or call the Extension Office.

Dog Obedience Class

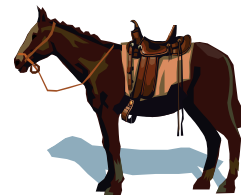
Do you plan on showing your dog at fair or just have a dog that needs a little education? Dog Project Leader Linda Friedow is also the dog obedience instructor through NIACC. 4-H members who are enrolled in the dog project can attend the obedience classes free of charge to help prepare for fair. Parents are welcome to observe however, the member is the one who must work with the dog. Please bring a 6 foot training leash.



The class runs from May 19th-June 16th and meets every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30p.m. at the Britt City Park Gazebo behind the library. To sign-up call 1-888-GO-NIACC ext. 4358. Make sure to reference course #78597 and state that you are a 4-H member.

Horse Workouts

Horse workouts have begun! Horse superintendents Crystal Drake and Laurie Hadacek will be meeting with horse project members and their horses every Tuesday evening from 7-9pm weather permitting.



Crystal & Laurie will help members and their horses work together and get ready for fair.

Please contact Crystal 641-843-8214 or Laurie 641-860-0140 with questions.

Clothing Event

The Clothing Event consists of 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 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.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 on the 18th 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 18th. Anyone participating in the Clothing Event also needs to participate in the Style Show at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday during the fair.

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 keeping. Watch for more details on the application process.



Junior Camp



Junior Camp is for any 4-H member in 4th - 6th grade. This year camp is just for Hancock County members and will be at Crystal Lake Park. Registration forms have already been mailed and are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, May 25. We will be fishing, canoeing, cooking over the campfire and sleeping in tents!!

Achievement Show

All junior members are required to take their non-livestock exhibits to an achievement show. There are three achievement shows that members may choose from:

- June 16** **Orthel Jolly Workers Achievement Show**, 1 p.m.-7 p.m., Britt Municipal Building.
- June 25** **Britt Broncos Achievement Show**, 9:15 a.m. SMA building at the fair grounds.
- June 29** **County Achievement Show**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 1:30-4p.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.

Fair Volunteers Needed!

The Hancock County Fair is a memorable part of summer for many people. It takes many hands to ensure success and we are always looking for new volunteers. 4-H and FFA members work very hard on their exhibits and we work hard to make those exhibits as safe as possible. If you are interested in assisting with this by being a host/hostess in the exhibit building or a night watchman securing the livestock for the night please call Misty or Danika at the Extension Office at 641-923-2856.

State Fair Communication Dates

If you plan on participating in a Working Exhibit, Educational Presentation or Share-the-Fun event at county fair please keep the following dates in mind as you plan your summer. These are the dates that have been assigned to Hancock County for our State qualifiers.

Educational Presentation

Aug. 11 - Morning(1) Aug. 11 - Afternoon(1)

Aug. 16 - Morning(1) Aug. 16 - Afternoon(1)

Aug. 17 - Morning(1) Aug. 17 - Afternoon(1)

Working Exhibit

Aug. 12 - Morning(1) Aug. 12 - Afternoon(1)

Aug. 17 - Morning(1) Aug. 17 - Afternoon(1)

Share-the-Fun

Aug. 11 - 5pm(1) Aug. 12 - Noon(1)

Aug. 16 - 5pm(1)

Fair Books

This year there will be two portions of the fair book; one livestock and one non-livestock. The non-livestock portion contains all fair classes that used to be split up between FCS & SMA. Both the livestock and non-livestock portions of the Hancock County Fair Book are complete and will be ready to pick up after May 23 and available on-line by the end of that week. (www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/info/4h/countyfair.htm OR www.hancockcountyfair.com)

Misty will be presenting at an information session at the Extension Office on Monday, May 30 for the Orthel Jolly Workers club. However, any 4-H family who has questions about the new fair classes is welcome to attend. We may even be talking about the new enrollment process for the 2011-2012 4-H year. Time is yet to be decided, watch for an e-mail or contact the Extension Office early next week.

F Any 4-H member exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, dairy (both cattle and goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Hancock County or Iowa State Fair **S** **Q** **A** **MUST** be FSQA certified. This certification is part of the project work for the above mentioned project areas. Here's how you become FSQA certified:

Grades 4-6 - must attend an approved training each year.

Grades 7-9 - must attend a training every year **OR** take a test.

Grades 10-12 - must attend a training every year **OR** take a test.

There will be a last chance FSQA training on Thursday, May 26 from 6-7 p.m. at the Extension Office for those 4-6 grade members who were not able to attend earlier. Members in 7-12 grade can take the test any time prior to July 1.

Challenge Classes

A challenge class gives members an opportunity to try a new project area without investing a lot of time into it. Members do not need to be enrolled in the project area to participate and these exhibits do not need to go to an achievement show.

Garden Challenge - Demonstrate knowledge of planting a container garden. Must answer two questions.

Photography Challenge - Members use disposable cameras and photograph the theme established by the Extension Office (info on p. 2) to submit a photo.

Baking Challenge - Bake the supplied recipe and submit on Tuesday, July 26th.

More information on each of these challenge classes can be found in the non-livestock portion of the fair book.

Happy Birthday!

The following Hancock County 4-H members had birthdays in March.

Nicole Burgardt	Logan Dalbeck
Abby Duregger	Alek Goll
Carlie Hannah	Madeline Hinz
Kiersten Jass	Mia Katter
Veronica Kraft	Kayla Leerar
Daniela Milan	Josh Stromer
Grace Tusha	

The following Hancock County 4-H members had birthdays in April.

Dakota Acheson	Lauren Arnold
Holly Ausborn	Matthew Barickman
Joshua Baum	Kim Dornbier
Ryleigh Hudspeth	Chase Jass
Miranda Jolly	Dakota Rossiter
Katey Tegtmeyer	Patrick Terhark
Jenna Wellik	

The following Hancock County 4-H members have birthdays in May.

Derek Anderson	Nate Baum
Michael Eekhoff	Cassie Engstler
Leah Johnson	Taylor Kluver
Paiten Kraft	Mariama Larson
Nolan Ossman	Jack Powers
Lucas Rayhons	Brittany Schleusner
Alyssa Tegtmeyer	Nicole Thoe
Lizzy Trulson	Maddie Tusha
Kelli Weaver	

Make sure to wish everyone a Happy Birthday!!



Congratulations Seniors!!

May is an exciting time for our senior 4-H members that are graduating from high school and moving into the next phase of their life. Congratulations to each of you for a job well-done and best wishes in your future.

Cole Greiman	Zach Greiman
Kelsi Pringnitz	Jenna Wellik

Club Notes



Britt Broncos

Leaders: Michelle Eisenman, Betsy Hunt, Carol Tlach & Carla Wellik

-Club Meeting: June 25th - Fairgrounds 9:00a.m. meeting; 9:30-10:30a.m. Achievement Show.

Concord Challengers

Leaders: Julie Barickman, Michelle Dornbier, Karrie Pringnitz & Jody Seelhammer

Elcon Indians

Leaders: Deb Duregger, Angie Greiman & Belinda Oulman

Orthel Jolly Workers

Leaders: Jan Bier, DeEtta Kluver, & Ellen Tusha

-Club Meeting: May 30 - 2p.m. - 4p.m. - fair grounds

-Club Meeting: June 16th - 1p.m.-7p.m. at Britt Municipal Building for Achievement Show

After School Kids Club

Leader: Carol Opp

Will start again in Sept./Oct. 2011

First Lego League

Leader: Carol Opp

Will start again in August

Clover Kids

Leader: Misty Hinson & Stacey Wirtz

Will start again in Sept./Oct. 2011

Senior County Council

Ellen Bertilson	Bri Bier	Kim Dornbier
Nathan Hrubes	Chase Jass	Trey Jass
Taylor Kluver	Brandon Luppen	Susan Pistek Jake
Pringnitz	Kelsi Pringnitz	Ashley Smeby
Katelyn Terhark	Kevin Tlach	Liz Tusha
Maddie Tusha	Jared Wellik	Mark Wellik

Intermediate Council

Jack Bertilson	Emma Chizek
Kiersten Jass	Nathan Nedved
Lizzy Trulson	



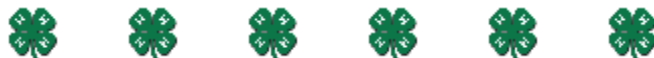
Summer Explorations

This year Hancock County Extension has partnered up with NIACC to offer a three day, day camp experience for those youth finishing K-5th grade. Camp will run from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. June 13-15 and will cover many different topics. This opportunity is open to all youth in Hancock County. Registration forms were sent home from school. Contact the Extension Office if you did not receive a form and we will get one to you. Registrations are due June 2.

Fair Spruce-Up Day

Fair spruce-up day is scheduled for Saturday, June 11 form 8 a.m. - Noon. There is a lot to do including painting, tree trimming and rock work. Members and families are asked to help get things looking nice for fair.

More information will be sent in fair entry packets in mid June but please mark your calendars for fair set-up day on Saturday, July 23. This is when we set up the SMA building and barns.



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