



Hancock County

4-H Family News

Dear 4-H Families,

Finally! Spring weather is here! That means summer and the Hancock County Fair are just around the corner. I hope you have been working on your projects and are now planning your fair exhibits. Warmer weather also means that working with your animals should be a lot easier.

As always, this newsletter is packed full of reminders, important dates and opportunities that are available to 4-H members so make sure you read carefully and mark them on your calendar.

Don't forget to check out the Hancock County 4-H web site at www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hidsteens.htm You can find forms for fair and your record book as well as registration forms and updates to the current newsletter.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call!

*Misty Hinson
County Youth Coordinator*

Thank You to all 4-H leaders and volunteers for your dedication and service to the 4-H program in Hancock County! We can offer a quality program because of you!

Dates to Remember

May

- 15 Livestock ID Forms Due
- 17 Britt Creative Clovers
- 17 Orthel Jolly Workers Container Garden Workshop
- 20 State 4-H Conference Registrations Due
- 23 Jr. Camp Registrations Due
- 31 Garner Lucky Clovers

June

- 4 Photo Challenge Workshop
- 5-6 Jr. Camp
- 7 Thrivent Join Hands/Beautification Day
- 12 Horse Workout 7:30
- 14 Britt Broncos Achievement Show
- 15 Poultry, Rabbit and Pet ID Forms Due
- 19 Orthel Jolly Workers Achievement Show
- 24-26 State 4-H Conference
- 26 Clothing Event Report Forms Due
- 28 Hancock county Open Horse Show
- 30 County Achievement Show

July

- 1 County and State Fair Entry Forms Due
- 7 Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue Judging
- 16-21 Hancock County Fair

August

- 7-17 Iowa State Fair

Misty's Office Hours

You can find me in the office Monday - Friday from 9 am-4:30 pm. Call, e-mail, or stop on by!
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Iowa State Fair Reminder

The Iowa State Fair Premium Book will **only** be available online at www.iowastatefair.org Participants **will not** be receiving a paper copy in the mail.

New Clothing Event!

Clothing Selection and Fashion Revue have always been a part of our clothing event and style show. This year, we are adding **The \$15 Challenge!** This challenge was introduced at the State Fair Clothing Event last year.

Who: Any enrolled 4-H member - you do not have to be in the clothing project.

What: Purchase an outfit, not including shoes or accessories, for no more than \$15.

Where: May be purchased from a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop such as Goodwill or Salvation Army.

When: Must be available for Clothing Event judging day scheduled for July 7, 2008 **AND** the Style Show at fair.

Why: This is a great way to "Go Green" by reusing items!

Check out the fair book for all of the rules!

2008 Junior 4-H Camp June 5-6



Do you want to make 4-H friends from other counties while having fun and learning new ways to "Go Green"? If you answered yes and are a

4th, 5th, or 6th grade 4-H'er, Jr. Camp is the place to be! This year we are going to Cedar Springs Camp near Osage. Space is limited so turn your registration in early! Registrations are due by May 23. Call the office with any questions.

Horse Workouts

Fair Superintendents Crystal Drake and Laurie Hadacek will be holding workouts for horse project members and their horses on Tuesdays from now until fair. Workouts start at 7p.m. at the fairgrounds.

The exception to the rule is Tuesday, June 10th. This workout has been rescheduled for June 12th at 7:30p.m.

Are you FSQA Certified?

Any 4-H member exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, dairy (both cattle and goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Iowa State Fair must be FSQA certified. **This certification is also required for all 4-H swine exhibitors at the Hancock County Fair.** How do you become FSQA certified?

Anyone between the ages of 12-18 by Jan. 1, 2008 can take the FSQA certification test. If you are not certified it is not too late! Call the office ASAP! Members who are not certified **WILL NOT** be allowed to show.

State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Youth Conference is scheduled for June 24th - 26th and is open to all youth who will have completed 8th - 12th grade by conference time. Hancock County Extension will pay \$50 of the registration fee for the first ten 4-H members who turn in registration forms.



The Code of Conduct and Registration form must go through the County Office and be postmarked by May 23rd or a \$20 late fee will be added at your expense. Forms can be found at: (www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/kidsteens.htm). Contact the office with any questions!

Fair Entry Form Deadline

The deadline for County and State Fair entry forms is **July 1st**. Packets containing all necessary County information will be mailed out mid June.

State Fair Forms - Past exhibitors should receive these directly from the State Fair. Entry forms will be available from the Extension Office shortly. **NEW** - This year exhibitors are to write checks payable to Iowa State Fair even though entry forms state otherwise. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.



Photography Challenge Class

The purpose of this class is to show your knowledge and skill in photography when all elements (date, time, location, equipment, processing, and mat) are standardized. That means you attend the photography workshop June 4th from 5-7 at Eagle Lake where professional photographer Steve Madsen will go over various topics related to using a disposable camera.

Cameras will be provided by the Hancock County Fair Board. You will be responsible for paying the processing fee as well as purchasing the black mat. The cost of these will be available by the registration deadline and will be paid on the day of the workshop. All cameras will be turned in on the day of the workshop. You will be notified when your pictures have been developed and are ready to pick up at the Extension Office.

Please pre-register by Friday, May 30th to ensure enough cameras are available.



State Fair Communication Dates

Are you doing an Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, or Share-The-Fun skit at County Fair? If so, mark the following dates on your calendar as well. These are the Dates that have been assigned for Hancock County State Fair qualifiers.

Educational Presentation:

Aug. 10 - Afternoon(2) Aug. 15 - Morning(2)
Aug. 16 - Morning(1) Aug. 16 - Afternoon(1)

Working Exhibit:

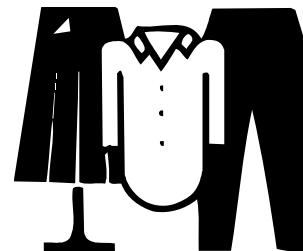
Aug. 11 - Morning(1) Aug. 16 - Afternoon(2)
Aug. 15 - Morning(1)

Share-The-Fun:

Aug. 10 - Noon(1) Aug. 15 - 5p.m.(1)
Aug. 16 - 5p.m.(1)

Clothing Event Is Scheduled!

This has previously been known as Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue Judging Day. Due to the addition of the \$15 Challenge, I thought a new name was in order. The clothing event is scheduled for July 7th at the Extension Office. Exact time of the event will be sent out in the participant letter. Report forms for all three opportunities are due to the Extension Office by June 26th, 2008.



Achievement Show

All 4-H members who plan on taking a Home Ec. exhibit to fair **must** attend an achievement show. This gives members an opportunity to talk to a judge before judging day at the fair. There are two great benefits to this. First, you get the opportunity to talk to a judge who will help you be less nervous at fair time. The other benefit of achievement show is that you get to talk to a judge who will give you tips on how to finish or tweak your project before fair.

This year we are fortunate enough to have three achievement shows for you to choose from. If you plan on attending a club achievement show please contact the leader so they are aware you will be attending.

Britt Broncos - June 14th 9a.m.-11p.m. in the SMA building at the fair grounds. Questions? Contact Nancy Horstman at 641-843-4137.

Orthel Jolly Workers - June 19th Noon-7p.m. at the Britt Municipal Building. Questions? Contact Mel Hiscocks at 641-843-4181

County Achievement Show - June 30 10a.m.-3p.m. at the Extension Office.

All Hands on Deck!

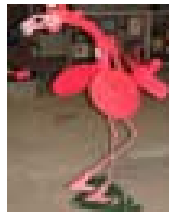
With fair just around the corner it is time to start thinking about sprucing up the fair grounds. This year Thrivent financial will assist us with the fair grounds beautification by hosting "Join Hands Day". The purpose of "Join Hands Day" is to generate awareness for volunteerism by encouraging youth and adults to come together to improve their communities while building lasting friendships across generations.

Join us at 8:30 on Saturday, June 7th at the fair grounds to help spruce things up after a long winter. Lunch will be provided.



Bucket of Junk

Are you creative or crafty? Do you like a challenge? Whether you consider yourself an artist or just someone who likes to tinker, the Bucket of Junk competition is the perfect place to express your creativity!



There is a separate adult and youth class with increased money prize for each class as follows: 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25

For more information or to sign-up and get your bucket of junk contact Floyd Cutshall at 641-923-2839 or 641-860-0712. Buckets and guidelines will be available after June 2nd.



Graduating Seniors

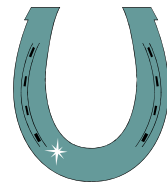


Announcing the Mitch and Ida Mae Bock Scholarship!

For those of you who did not know the Bock's they were devoted volunteers of the 4-H program. Their children and grandchildren have set up a \$1,200 scholarship in their honor.

Scholarship guidelines: One graduating senior will be chosen. That senior must have at least two exhibits at fair and must turn in their 4-H record book. The selection will be made at record book judging time and will be announced at the Awards Program in November. The scholarship money will be available for the second semester of the freshman year of college. Watch for details on the application process.

Hancock County Open Horse Show



Once again Fair Superintendents Crystal Drake and Laurie Hadacek will be hosting an open 4-H & FFA Horse Show on June 28th at the Hancock County

Fairgrounds. Check-in time is 9:00a.m. with the show starting at 10:00a.m.

For more information contact the Extension Office or Crystal or Laurie.

Livestock ID Forms

The following ID forms were due **May 15th**: Breeding Beef, Bucket/Bottle Calf, Dairy/Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, All Sheep, All Swine

The following ID forms are due **June 15th**: Pet, Poultry, and Rabbit. Watch the mail for these forms as they will be sent out soon.

Club Notes

Bingham Champions

Leader: John Schutter

Britt Broncos

Leaders: Nancy Horstman & Jane Johnson

-Club Meeting: June 14th - 9a.m.-11a.m. Achievement Show - SMA Building at the fair grounds.

Elcon Indians

Leaders: Rosemary Weaver & Deb Duregger

-Club Meeting: May 19th - 6:30p.m. - Prairie View Pet Show

-Club Meeting: June 22 - 2p.m. - TBD

Ellery Country Clover

Leaders: Jennifer Kropp & Sherri Anderson

-Club Meeting: May 14th - 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Klemme

Erin Enterprizers

Leader: Allen Eekhoff

Orthel Jolly Workers

Leaders: Mel Hiscocks, Kathy Larson, Deb Kruger, Jan Bier, Cheryl Chizek, Ellen Tusha, & De Etta Kluver

-Club Meeting: May 17th - 8a.m. - Noon - Container Garden Workshop - All Hancock County 4-H members welcome!

-Club Meeting: June 19th - Noon - 7p.m. - Achievement Show at Britt Municipal Building

.....and justice for all

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County Council Happenings:

In the mail you will be receiving schedules and other information for fair. Please fill in your work time and return it to the Extension Office ASAP! Times will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Teen Challenge planning meeting: We need 4-5 people to assist in planning teen challenge. The planning meeting has been set for (Date) at (Time) at the Extension Office.

Members:

Emily Bertilson	Brittany Brooks	Lindsey Burgardt
*Sara Formanek	Cole Greiman	Kyle Greiman
*Morgan Greiman	Zach Greiman	Greg Gremmer
*Stephany Gremmer	Andrea Hrubes	*Courtney Jass
Whitney Johnson	Konnie Keifer	Danelle Kohlmeyer
*Libby Kropp	*Kristi Larson	Katie Lonneman
Valerie Luppen	Mary Pistek	*Brianna Schmidt
*Mike Tlach	* denotes the Executive Board	

Clover Kids

Leader: Misty Hinson

-Garner Lucky Clovers Meeting: May 31th - 9-10:30a.m. at the Garner Education Center.

-Britt Creative Clovers Meeting: May 17th - 9-10:30a.m. at the Britt Public Library.

-Madison Livewire's

Leaders: Greg & Kristi Wirtjes

May 10th 9-10:30a.m. at the Wirtjes family home.

