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**Dear 4-H/FFA Fair Exhibitor,**

We would like to invite you to show at the Hancock County District Fair in 2023. The Hancock County Fair is July 25 - 31, only 54 days away! Please remember the 4-H/FFA livestock shows are open to district exhibitors. The static, communication, and horticulture shows are **only** open to Hancock County 4-Hers. Enclosed is information about showing at the fair. Please read it carefully. Be sure to check the class requirements and rules for each department in the fair book. You can access the fair book at [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty\\_districtfair](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty_districtfair) OR [www.hancockcountyfair.com](http://www.hancockcountyfair.com). As always, we are here to help you; please do not hesitate to call or stop in anytime you have a question.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

<b>Thursday, June 15</b>	<b>Livestock ID in 4-H Online</b> are due for cats, rabbits, poultry Extension Office	
<b>Saturday, June 17</b>	<b>Fair Spruce-Up Day.</b> Clean, paint, fix, build @ fairgrounds Everyone who plans to exhibit at fair should help.	8:30 am - 12:00 pm
<b>Thursday, June 29</b>	<b>County Achievement Show</b> Extension Office	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
<b>Saturday, July 1</b>	<b>Hancock County Fair entries are due</b> & Iowa State Fair <u>livestock</u> entries are due	FairEntry system will shutdown at 11:59 pm
<b>Saturday, July 22</b>	<b>SET-UP/CLEAN-UP DAY</b> Please plan on helping—it takes a lot of people to get the fairgrounds ready for a successful fair!	8:30 am - 12:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, July 25</b>	<b>Static Exhibit Judging (Non-livestock)</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade) See below for more details. <b>New for 2023: Horticulture plant judging</b> <b>New for 2023: Clothing Event Judging</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm <b>12:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b> <b>10:00 am – 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 26</b>	<b>Livestock Check-Ins begin.</b> Refer to schedule for specific times.	

**ALL exhibits are entered using FairEntry ([hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com)) by **July 1st.****

# 4<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INFORMATION – 4-HERS

## **Static Exhibits (Non-Livestock) (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade): *Due July 1<sup>st</sup>***

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry ([hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com)) A help sheet is available online.
- There are no entry fees for non-livestock exhibits.
- All judging at fair will be conference (face-to-face with the judge) on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> in the morning. You will sit with the judge for approximately five minutes per exhibit.
- All static exhibits must include an **Exhibit Goal Sheet**. You may use the form enclosed (reproduce as needed), get more from your leader, the Extension Office, or online. You may also write your own report, as long as it includes each of the components on the “4-H Exhibit Goal Sheet.”
- **Exhibit Tags** will be mailed to exhibitors with the judging schedule after the July 1<sup>st</sup> entry deadline.
- **Again for 2023:** Exhibitors can choose ONE exhibit, if desired, to participate in the Static Exhibit Online Auction. This item will be sold to the highest bidder. Watch for more information soon.
- You may enter a total of fourteen (14) exhibits with no more than 4 per fair class. (Does not include garden, communication, or clothing event entries).
- Any project can fit into a fair class. Call our office if you have questions about which class your exhibit should be in.
- All exhibits are released at 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **County Achievement Show:**

- Junior members (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, completed) or new members planning to show static exhibits (non-livestock) at fair are strongly encouraged to attend the achievement show with one static (non-livestock) exhibit.
- This is a great opportunity to get tips from judges on how to fill out great paperwork.
- Large exhibits can stay home, bring pictures or ideas.
- You can choose to zoom for achievement show so you don't have to bring projects to judges. Contact Victoria to sign up for a zoom achievement show time on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Clothing Event Judging: (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) *Bring report form with you to judging.***

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry ([hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com))
- **New judging date:** Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> (in conjunction with static exhibit judging) from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. No sign-up times for judging, wait in line for conference judging like static exhibits.
- **Fashion show:** Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> the fashion show and results of judging will be intermingled with Share-The-Fun, starting at 4:30 pm.
- There are no entry fees for non-livestock exhibits.
- You must fill out a different report form for each clothing event you will be participating in. Report forms can be downloaded from [www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancockcounty\\_districtfair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancockcounty_districtfair) or picked up at the extension office.

## **Communication Events (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade):**

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry ([hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com)) by *July 1<sup>st</sup>*
- There are no entry fees for non-livestock exhibits.
- Please enter all communication events (Working Exhibits, Educational Presentations, Poster Exhibit and Share-the-Fun) under the communication department in FairEntry. *Fill in the title of the event in the description box and submit by July 1.*

- Judging forms for these events need to be filled out and brought with you the day of judging. These forms will be distributed with a copy of the schedule after July 1<sup>st</sup> or you can print them off the Hancock County Extension web site.
- If you have timing conflicts with other fair events and would like to participate in one of the communication events, please call the Extension Office. We will work with you to try to find an alternate time.

#### Livestock Entries:

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry ([hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com)) **by July 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Please refer to your fair book for class information and fees.
- There are two methods of payment, online payment with a credit card or checks are payable to the **Hancock County Ag Society**.
- Only animals identified as 4-H projects prior to their species identification deadline are eligible to show.
- **All intact breeding sheep and goats must have scrapie tags prior to entering the fairgrounds.**
- Stalling deposit fees will not be required; HOWEVER, failure to clean stalls will result in a negative standing with the fair and you will be billed a \$50 cleaning fee to be paid by August 31, 2023. Negative standing with Hancock County Fair can be defined as ineligible to exhibit at the 2024 fair. This standing will drop when the cleaning fee is paid.
- **Same as 2022: ALL SWINE HEALTH PAPERS must be issued no more than 7 days prior to check in. ALL SHEEP HEALTH PAPERS must be issued no more than 14 days prior to check in. All BEEF, DAIRY, GOATS, AND HORSES must have health papers issued no more than 30 days prior to check in. All POULTRY must have pullorum typhoid testing within 30 days - this is available at fair check in.**
- Same as 2022: ALL LIVESTOCK will go through vet inspection point before coming onto the fairgrounds for unloading. Rabbit and poultry inspection will be in the barns. ALL other species should enter inspection staging in the South Parking lot.
- ALL families showing beef should expect to pay an additional fee (per family) when registering on Fair Entry for bedding to be placed in their stalls prior to arrival.
- Wear 4-H T-shirts when showing your livestock.
- At check-in you must specify if your animal(s) will be going through the auction or going home.
- All exhibits NOT going to auction will be released at 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>
- The Extension office **MUST** have a copy of ALL 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H or FFA members YQCA certificate (that are planning on showing Beef, Rabbit, Poultry, Swine, Goat and/or sheep) before approval in Fair Entry.

#### Garden (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade):

- **NEW DATE: Pre-entry is not required. Judging will take place on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the fair.**
- Garden exhibitors need to fill out entry forms and tags at the fair.
- Varieties should be listed on the tags. Garden entry forms are available online at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancockcounty\\_districtfair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancockcounty_districtfair) if you wish to fill them out prior to garden check-in.
- **No sign-up times for judging, wait in line for conference judging like static exhibits.**
- Please review our preparation help sheets and videos to learn how to prepare your veggies or flowers for the horticulture show.

# **K-3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE INFORMATION - CLOVER KIDS**

## **Clover Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): non-livestock display only**

- You do not have to enter your projects in FairEntry.
- Bring the items you wish to display on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> anytime to the Clover Kids table in the exhibit building. The exhibits will stay on display during fair week.
- All exhibits are released at 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.


## **Clover Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): For Static Judging Experience**

- Exhibitors are eligible to exhibit 2 non-livestock projects to be judged on participation.
- These projects need to be entered in FairEntry ([hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com)) by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Please enter your project under the appropriate department and class in FairEntry.
- Projects are judged on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> with all the other non-livestock projects.
- All exhibits are released at 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Clover Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Bucket Bottle Animals and/or Feeder Calves (Pre 4-H)**

- Exhibits entered using FairEntry ([hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com)) by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Please refer to your fair book for class information and fees.
- There are two methods of payment, online payment with a credit card or checks are payable to the **Hancock County Ag Society**.
- **ALL SHEEP HEALTH PAPERS must be issued no more than 14 days prior to check in. All BEEF, DAIRY, AND GOATS must have health papers issued no more than 30 days prior to check in.**
- **ALL LIVESTOCK will go through vet inspection point in the South Parking lot before coming onto the fairgrounds for unloading.**
- All exhibits will be released at 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

All forms, rule books, and exhibition preparation help sheets are available online at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancockcounty\\_districtfair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancockcounty_districtfair). Please call the Hancock County Extension Office at 641-923-2856 or email [vschmidt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmidt@iastate.edu) or [karast@iastate.edu](mailto:karast@iastate.edu) if you have any questions. **See you at the Fair!**



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### **Enclosures:**

Exhibit Goal Sheet

Livestock Fair Rule Changes Sheet

Static Exhibit Online Auction Flyer & FAQ

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