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Hancock County

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4-H friends and families,

2023 is quickly coming to a close. Thank you to those who participated in programs and workshops over the past year! We served over 1,550 youth in our summer workshops and we are having a great time learning about food and kitchen basics in Clover Kids each month. We enjoy learning, doing, and creating with your families.

We are excited to start the new year bringing back Makerspace for 4th-5th graders! Back by popular demand is our local talent, Missy Huling to lead a painting workshop in January. Parents are welcome to sign up and paint their own project, paint with your child, or drop them off and pick them up when we finish. Our Clover Kids winter party will be a highlight for February.

We hope you got your market steers and heifers to weigh-in in December. If not, a reminder that you need to contact our office to get to another county! All ID's must be entered **by families in 4-H Online by February 1!** Sheep exhibitors: we are bringing back the Lotto Lamb opportunity again this year. Pick out your lamb the day of weigh-in, and show in a class just for you. **We are moving up our market broiler order deadline to March 15th** this year because of the demand at the hatchery. Please look for the order form in your email and on our website.

Lastly, but certainly not least, please thank your 4-H leader or coach for their time and efforts in making your club great! Celebrate your successes with your 4-H peers and take time to pass along your skills to younger club members! Build relationships and invest in the lives of the people around you! You won't regret it!

Hancock County Extension Staff

Kristy, Victoria, & Kara

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024
5:30-8:00 PM
@WH ELEMENTARY



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CALENDAR

January - February

January 8	WH 2nd-3rd grade Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
January 8	Elcon Indian club mtg.	Extension Office	6:00 pm
January 9	GHV 3rd grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
January 10	Journey Makers club mtg.	Garner E-Free Church	9:00 am
January 14	Northwest Chargers club mtg.	Woden Community Center	2:00 pm
January 14	Britt Broncos club mtg.	TBD	4:00 pm
January 14	Orthel Jolly Workers club mtg.	Leader house	6:30 pm
January 15	Painting Workshop	Garner Methodist Church	6:00 pm
January 16	GHV 2nd grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
January 16	Garfield Sluggers club mtg.	Duncan Hall	6:00 pm
January 18	Makerspace (7 consecutive Thursdays)	Extension Office	3:30 pm
January 22	WH K-1st grade Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
January 23	GHV 1st grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
January 30	GHV Kindergarten Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
February 5	Elcon Indians club mtg.	Extension Office	6:00 pm
February 6	GHV 3rd grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
February 10	Orthel Jolly Workers club mtg.	Animal Shelter, Mason City	TBD
February 11	Northwest Chargers club mtg.	Woden Community Center	2:00 pm
February 12	WH 2nd-3rd grade Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
February 13	GHV 2nd grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
February 14	Journey Makers club mtg.	Garner E-Free Church	9:00 am
February 16	Clover Kids Winter Party	Forest City YMCA	6:00 pm
February 18	Valiant Vikings club mtg.	Leader house	10:00 am
February 18	Britt Broncos club mtg.	Britt Municipal Building	2:00 pm
February 19	WH K-1st grade Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
February 20	GHV 1st grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
February 20	Garfield Sluggers club mtg.	Duncan Hall	6:00 pm
February 27	GHV Kindergarten Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
July 23 - 28	Hancock County District Fair		

LOTTO LAMB CLASS

Want to show a lamb at the fair? Not quite sure where to start? Check out our Lotto Lamb opportunity.



What is this class? This class is an excellent way for you to get started in sheep, or a way to work with a quality show lamb. The lambs will be purchased from a reputable breeder by your sheep superintendents. Then you purchase the lambs from your superintendent and pick them up at sheep weigh-in in April.

Down payment is \$100 and price for the lambs will be determined by the market value at time of purchase.

Sign Up information will be available on our website: www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock after February 1st. Watch for our eblast for links when they become available.

Please reach out to our office at 641-923-2856 or hxancock@iastate.edu with questions.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HANCOCK

COMPETE FOR AWARD TRIPS OR PROJECT AWARDS

High school aged 4-Hers have many opportunities for them beyond the county level. Take advantage of the opportunity to learn how to teach leadership and teambuilding skills, spend a week in our nation's capitol, plan a conference just for your peers, or get recognized for the work you have done in your project area.



Opportunities require a written application and an interview (in person and virtual options available).

Your electronic application is due no later than 11:59 pm February 1, 2024. Applications and additional information can be found at

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

- National 4-H Conference - Trip to Washington D.C.
- National 4-H Congress - Trip to Atlanta, GA
- State 4-H Council - Plan Iowa's 4-H Conference
- State Project Awards - Be recognized for your accomplishments in your project area.
- Iowa 4-H Reporter Program - learn from media mentors at IPTV, WHO radio, and Iowa Newspaper Association and do two days of coverage at the Iowa State Fair.

This is a great opportunity to be recognized for your project accomplishments or to participate in the leadership trips across the country with fellow Iowa 4-Hers. Take advantage today!



\$100,000 IN 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces the 2024 scholarship programs for 4-Hers attending or planning to attend college fall 2024 (minimum 12 credit hours). Even current college students are eligible for 4-H scholarships.



information I provided made me eligible for numerous different scholarships, all different amounts. It was the toughest scholarship I applied for but in the end one of the most rewarding ones I received."

The various awards range in amounts from \$250 to \$5,000. Some of the scholarships are open to students pursuing any field of study, while others are open to students pursuing degrees in agriculture, food and nutrition, ag business, animal science, and journalism.

Former Iowa 4-Hers and current 4-Hers graduating from high school are eligible applicants.

When asked about her scholarship experience a past Hancock County 4-Her says, "Applying for a State Level 4-H scholarship is a very extensive process. A bonus of the 4-H scholarship is the

Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards. Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. 4-H Scholarship information (can be sorted by school or degree), forms, and applications are available on the 4-H web page:

www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships

Applications must be submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 1, 2024, for consideration.

Applications require two letters of recommendation so be sure to ask those people before the due date so they have time to complete those for you.

BEEF ID REMINDERS

This year families will be required to enter ALL 4-H beef data into 4-H Online 2.0: <https://v2.4honline.com>

All market beef MUST be entered by February 1. Breeding beef must be entered by May 15th. County 4-H Staff will review the weigh-in data for accuracy. Ultimate animal data accuracy rests with each 4-H family.

MAKERSPACE CLUB



Who: 4th - 5th grade

What: Explore power tools, STEM activities, kitchen essentials, and more!

When: Thursdays, afterschool, 3:30 - 5:00 pm, Jan. 18 - Feb. 29

Where: Hancock County Extension Office

To sign up, check flyers in backpacks from school or visit our website at extension.iastate.edu/hancock.

Registration Fee: \$10

Deadline to register is Tuesday, January 9th. Space is limited!



4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

K-3 Jr. LEGO LEAGUE EXPLORE

This season we were so excited to have **SIX** junior FLL Explore teams for K-3rd graders. With eleven new volunteers and two returning volunteers we had a tremendous year! The teams were able to highlight what they had been learning and working on at our local FLL showcase on November 19th. Each team was able to learn how to code robots, how to work together, and to imagine and innovate new ways to create and communicate art across the globe.



New team **THE EAGLES** eagerly shared their poster and builds with our evaluator Ray Tlach at the Hancock County LEGO League showcase.



Members from **Galaxy Art Bad Guys** have been a team since 2018! Current team members have been attending meetings with their older brothers and are now **VERY** excited to be old enough to be on a team themselves.



Star Blasters enjoyed learning all about art and how to program the robot to get the stage to turn and the lights to flash.

Team Orange got grandpa to volunteer to coach and had a great time meeting afterschool.



LEGO World was brand new to LEGO League but they didn't let that stop them from learning tons and making a super display for our showcase.



Every Bot is Awesome has a mix of new and returning members and they showed everyone how to work together as a team.

4th-8th LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE

We were excited to have **THREE** FLL Challenge teams for 4th-8th grade this year. The theme for the Lego League season was Energy. Teams work on four categories:

- Robot design - how the team built the robot
- Robot game - programming the robot to complete challenges
- Innovation project - solve this year's challenge MASTERPIECE - to communicate through the arts.
- Core values - learn to work together to be a team who is inclusive and makes an impact.

All our teams have learned great things and made huge progress on teamwork and robot coding this year. We look forward to what the future brings with these brilliant robot coders and builders.



The Color Coders advanced to state from their regional competition at Webster City on Dec. 2nd. They were also the competition winners of the Core Values award.



The Mission Magicians showed off their missions at our Hancock County LEGO Showcase on November 19th.



Eagles demonstrates their innovation project solution to our judges at the Hancock County LEGO Showcase on November 19th.



PAINTING WORKSHOP



Who: K-12th graders. Optional: Parents are welcome to sign up to paint their own or paint with their child.
What: Escape winter and paint a warm beach.
Cost: \$20 per project
When: Monday, January 15th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: Garner United Methodist Church
Sign Up: Registration deadline is Monday, January 8th. Watch for flyers to come home from school or download the registration flyer from our website extension.iastate.edu/hancock.

MARKET BROILER ORDERS


Who: 4th-12th grade 4-H or FFA members
What: All chicks ordered are born the same day. 4-H or FFA members will take ownership of their chicks on June 8th. Exhibits are judged in pens of three and evaluated on uniformity, merit, and rate of gain. **Cost:** \$1.59 per bird.
Sign Up: **March 15, 2024. - DEADLINE moved UP!** Checks for the birds should be made out to Welp Hatchery.
Form: Download the sign up form from our website: www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock. For questions, please contact our office at 641-923-2856.



CLUB CONTEST @ FAIR

When: Static Exhibit judging at the 2024 Hancock County Fair.
What: Contest to see which club can have the highest percentage participation in the Communication Poster Challenge.
Who: 4-12 graders and their clubs.
Details: Club with the highest percentage of participation in the Communication poster class will win a pizza party!!

Poster rules:
Posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board - size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22". Posters cannot be 3-dimensional.



4-H PLEDGE
I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

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4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Who: K-3rd grade Clover Kids

When: Friday, February 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Forest City YMCA, 916 West I Street

What: Join us for pizza, drinks, swimming, gym play, and crafts. Floatation devices available for swimming. Parents are welcome to sign up to help chaperone.

Cost: \$15

Sign Up: Registration information coming home from Clover Kids in January or is available on our website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/

YMCA FOR K-3RD GRADERS



HANCOCK COUNTY EXTENSION'S

CLOVER KIDS WINTER PARTY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 PM
FOREST CITY YMCA
916 W I STREET

- Life Jackets provided for swimming
- Please come into YMCA for drop off/pick up
- Limited to registered Clover Kids



SIGN UP BY FEB. 1

COST IS \$15,
INCLUDES PIZZA, DRINKS,
SWIMMING, GYM PLAY,
CRAFTS



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