



July - August 2023

Hancock County

4-H FAMILY Newsletter



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Dear 4-H friends and families,

What a terrific summer! We have had 345 workshop participants since the start of our Summer Explorations and we are half way done. County fair is 27 days away and we are very excited for it to arrive.

NEW times for Horticulture and Clothing Event judging and the style showcase!!

Please be sure to read about it. Check out the online static exhibit auction and Share the Fun details in the newsletter. Clover Kids can bring static (non-livestock) items to display without needing to sign up. Read the article for more information. We are also very excited for Charcuterie Board Contest, LEGO competition, and Cupcake Wars at the fair.

Don't forget fair takes a lot preparation. Please be present for fair set up on Saturday, July 22nd at 8:30 am to help. Be on the lookout for exhibitor letters to be mailed after July 1st entry deadline. Don't forget to get an appointment for your health papers if you show beef, dairy, sheep, goat, horse, swine, or bucket bottle.

Preparation is also underway for a new FIRST LEGO League season this fall. Kickoff and sign up nights are after the first week of school. Recruit your friends to join a team and get in on the fun!

We are so excited to be welcoming Ray Tlach, long time club leader and then extension council member, to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

If you see Abby, Kylie, or Rachael please thank them for the awesome job they are doing as summer interns. They have been super busy and super helpful.



See you soon,
Hancock County
Extension Staff
Kristy, Victoria, & Kara



4-H CALENDAR

SHARE THE FUN - TALENT SHOW
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CALENDAR

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| July 6 | Summer Explorations Flower Arrangement | Extension Office | 1:00 pm |
| July 7 | Summer Explorations Taste of Italy: Pizza & Cannoli's | GHV High School | 1:00 pm |
| July 10 | Summer Explorations Stellar Robotic Welding | Stellar Industries | 2:00 pm |
| July 11 | Summer Explorations Explore It: Vet | Garner Vet Clinic | 1:00 pm |
| July 12 | Summer Explorations Art in the Park: Donut Polyptych | Tourist Park | 1:00 pm |
| July 13 | Summer Explorations \$20 Shopping Trip | Field Trip | 1:00 pm |
| July 14 | Summer Explorations Soft Pretzels & Dipping Sauce | GHV High School | 1:00 pm |
| July 14 | Summer Explorations Soft Pretzels & Dipping Sauce | WH High School | 1:00 pm |
| July 16 | Summer Explorations Boman Fine Arts - Behind the Scenes | Boman Fine Arts Center | 1:30 pm |
| July 17 | Summer Explorations Explore It: Detective | Extension Office | 1:00 pm |
| July 18 | Summer Explorations Bubble Mania | Tourist Park, Garner | 1:00 pm |
| July 18 | Summer Explorations Bubble Mania | Lions Park, Britt | 4:00 pm |
| July 19 | Summer Explorations Crown Point Builders | Crown Point shed, Klemme | 1:00 pm |
| July 22 | Set up for Hancock County Fair | Fairgrounds | 8:00 am |
| July 25 - July 31 | Hancock County District Fair | | |
| July 27 | Charcuterie Board Contest | Fairgrounds | 1:00 pm |
| July 28 | Cupcake Wars | Fairgrounds | 1:00 pm |
| August 2 | Summer Explorations Farm Careers | Field Trip | 1:00 pm |
| August 3 | Summer Explorations Corteva | Field Trip | 1:00 pm |
| August 4 | Summer Explorations Explore It: Eye Doctor | Family Eye Care, Garner | 1:00 pm |
| August 7 | Summer Explorations Stellar Technology/Demo Day | Stellar Industries | 2:00 pm |
| August 8 | Summer Explorations Zinpro | Zinpro | 1:00 pm |
| August 9 | Summer Explorations Jr. FLL Robotics | Extension Office | 1:00 pm |
| August 9 | Summer Explorations Jr. FLL Robotics | Britt Municipal Building | 4:00 pm |
| August 10 - 20 | Iowa State Fair | | |
| August 15 | Summer Explorations Day As A Digger | Field Trip | 1:00 pm |
| August 16 - 17 | Summer Exploration FLL Robotics Coding | Extension Office | 1:00 pm |
| August 29 | FIRST LEGO League Kickoff | Extension Office | 5:15 pm |
| August 31 | JR FIRST LEGO League Kickoff | Extension Office | 5:15 pm |
| September 15 | 4-H Record books & Award applications due | Extension Office | |



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HANCOCK](https://extension.iastate.edu/hancock)

GOT TALENT? - SHARE THE FUN - July 27 at fair

Do you have a solo you prepared for band or vocal contest? Or a piano recital? Did you do a speech at school? Or maybe you like to tell jokes? Can you remember your dance from recital? Any talent can be presented.

Thursday, July 27th at 4:30 pm is the 4-H Share the Fun talent show at the fair. Be sure to sign up on Fair Entry to participate. We will take entries for Share The Fun after July 1st, recruit your friends and get signed up.



4-H STATIC (NON-LIVESTOCK) JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS

All **4th-12th** grade non-livestock fair exhibits are judged on Tuesday, July 25th at the fairgrounds in Britt. Judging will take place from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm and 12:45 pm-1:30 pm. Wearing a 4-H t-shirt for judging is encouraged. 4-H t-shirts are \$8 and can be purchased at the Extension Office or at the fair office during fair.

Prior to fair:

- Enter anything you think you **MIGHT** bring by July 1st at hancockdf.fairentry.com
- Complete the 4-H Exhibit Goal sheet (available on website) and gather all supporting material such as photos, plans, receipts.
- You will get an exhibitor letter in the mail with your entry tags, judging schedule, and instructions.
- Secure your exhibit tag to your project.



Steps at fair:

- Check-in at a table on the South end of the 4-H exhibit building to get your exhibit invoice list to take to each judge. Be sure to let them know if you would like to auction an item.
- Stop at the exhibit prep table to be sure all exhibit tags and paperwork are secured to your project.
- Stand in judging lines according to the project area you are showing in (there are several judges who are experts in certain project areas.)
- Sit with the judge and talk about your exhibit and what you've learned.
- Once you are done talking with all judges, take your exhibit invoice list to the ribbon table to receive your exhibit ribbons.
- Attach your ribbon to your exhibit and place it on the display tables along with your name card in the exhibit building. (Unless the judge is holding your exhibit back to be considered for State Fair. Those exhibits should stay behind the judges.)
- Take your exhibit invoice list sheet to the fair office to get paid for your premiums.

STATIC EXHIBIT AUCTION

What: 4-H exhibits will be available for bidding and purchase on an online auction hosted by JJ Wise Auctioneering.

When: Auction will be open online at noon Wednesday, July 26 through noon Sunday, July 30.

Who: 4th-12th grade 4-H members can choose ONE 4-H static exhibit to sign up for the auction during check in at static exhibit judging on Tuesday, July 25. This is optional.

How: 4-H exhibitors sign up ONE exhibit (if desired) to sell at the 4-H Static Exhibit Online Auction. Baked items will need to be remade. Grandparents, businesses, friends, neighbors or others from ANYWHERE can bid on the auction items.



Auction items can be paid for and picked up at the fair on Sunday, July 30 from 4-6 pm or Monday, July 31 from 9-11 am or by appointment. Shipping and credit card payment is available for a fee and by request only.

Please share with family and friends.



I Pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, My HANDS to larger service, my HEALTH to better learning, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



2023 FAIR INCENTIVES

As you know, it takes work and time to prepare our fairgrounds for our wonderful fair. The fairboard needs your help!

Please come in work clothes, and ready to get dirty! **Be sure to sign in and sign out** with an Extension Staff member so we can keep track of your incentives earned.

FAIR SET UP DAY
Saturday, July 22 at 8:30 am

FAIR CLEAN UP DAY
Monday, July 31
following the auction

If 4-H/FFA members attend either the June 17th clean up day (past) or July 22nd set up day AND help clean up on Monday, July 31st after the auction they will receive a \$10 Casey's gift certificate.

4-H T-SHIRT AVAILABLE

4-H shirts are great for showing at the fair. If you need a shirt they are available in both youth and adult sizes for \$8 each. Shirts can be picked up at the Extension office or they will be available to purchase at the fair.



Horticulture @ FAIR - NEW JUDGING TIME

Who: Hancock County 4th-12th grade 4-H and FFA

What: Display your flowers and vegetables at the Hancock County District Fair.

No paperwork, no pre-entry.

How: Refer to the horticulture fair book or the help sheets on our website for how many of each flower or veggie to bring and how to prepare them.

When: Judging is Tuesday, July 25th from 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm, come anytime during judging.

Where: 4-H Exhibit Building at the Hancock County District Fair.



LEGO CONTEST @ FAIR

2023 LEGO Sculpture Competition at the Hancock County District Fair

2023 Theme: "MASTERPIECE"

This event is open to all youth.



Enter: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the 4-H Exhibit Building

Judging: 1:00 p.m.

Release: Sunday, July 30 at 4:30 p.m.
PLEASE NO EARLY RELEASES

Age categories:

Discover: Ages 4 – 5

Explore: Ages 6 – 9

Challenge: Ages 10 – 15

First Tech: Ages 16 – 18

Rules:

1. Sculptures MUST be 100% from genuine LEGO materials
2. NO LEGO kits will be accepted.
3. Maximum size may not exceed 12" x 12"
4. Sculptures must be original designs of the artists
5. Sculptures may not be entered in any other area of the fair.
6. Sculptures will remain on display until Sunday, July 30th at 4:30 p.m.
7. Entries will be judged on originality, innovation, creativity, use of theme, and structure.
8. The Judges decisions are final.

Adult division is offered in the open show. Check the fair website for check in times for adults.

CLOTHING EVENT @ FAIR

Who: 4th-12th grade 4-H members

What: Show off your fashion and clothing choices with modeling

When: NEW TIME! Clothing Event Judging will take place Tuesday, July 25th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the fair-grounds. Style Showcase and results from the Clothing Event will be on Thursday, July 27th at 4:30 pm.

How: Sign up on Fair Entry. We will take Clothing Event entries after July 1st. What outfit do you want to sign up to model?

Need an outfit? Join us on our \$20 challenge shopping field trip on July 13th.



The Details:

The 4-H Clothing Event will be on Tuesday, July 25th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Style Show and results from the Clothing Event will be on Thursday, July 27th starting at 4:30 pm.

CUPCAKE WARS @ FAIR

When: Friday, July 28,
Decorating starts at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Bingo Building

Theme: Spy Your Potential

Teams: 2-3 Members, split by age of oldest members

Bring:
3 pre-baked/undecorated cupcakes, frosting, decorations, etc.

Divisions:

- Junior: K-3rd Grade
- Intermediate: 4th - 7th Grade
- Senior: 8th - 12th Grade
- Expert: Adults

Decorate your cupcakes based on the theme while at the fair. Be sure to work together as a team the judge will be watching. Judged on taste, presentation, and uniqueness! Prizes awarded! No Pre-Registration Required!



CHARCUTERIE BOARD @ FAIR

Make a charcuterie board or jarcuterie and bring it to the fair for a fun contest. Bring your boards already arranged, judging will take place and then you'll get to eat or share the rest of your items on the board. A yummy way to participate in the fair.

Recruit a friend and join the fun, no pre-registration required.

Come and show off your best charcuterie boards!

When: Thursday, July 27 @ 1:00 p.m.

Where: Free Stage

Divisions:

Junior: K-6th Grade
Intermediate: 7th-12th Grade
Expert: Adults



No Registration Required, Prizes Awarded!

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4th - 12th grade: RECORD BOOKS & AWARD APPLICATIONS - Due



Please consider applying, you are worthy of awards and you have already done the work worthy of recognition. All awards and record completion recognition will be given at our fall awards ceremony. **Our deadline for award applications and record completion recognition is September 15, 2023.** There are 2 main categories where 4-Hers can receive awards.

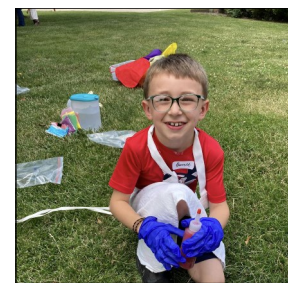
1. Bronze, Silver, or Gold project record completion
Project record completion awards are not competitive. Meet the requirement, receive the award.

2. Competitive Awards
These awards can only be won once during each age division of 4-H (Jr. 4-6th grade, Int. 7-8 grade, Sr. 9-12 grade).

All record keeping forms can be found on our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h_records_awards

For questions about the 4-H record keeping process or applying for awards please contact the Extension Office at 641-923-2856.

SUMMER WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS



HEALTH PAPERS & LIVESTOCK INSPECTION

2023 Hancock County Fair: ALL beef, dairy, sheep, goat, horse, swine, and bucket bottle animals are required to have health papers at check-in.

- ⇒ Swine papers must be done within 7 days of check-in. Complete between July 19-26.
- ⇒ Sheep papers must be done within 14 days of check-in. Complete between July 12-26.
- ⇒ Beef, dairy, goat, horse, and bucket bottle animals must be done within 30 days of check-in. Complete between June 27 - July 26.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT ASAP! Refer to the Health Paper Resource list online. **Remember: Veterinarians must record the complete ear tag numbers or tattoo on the Health paper. Please have them written down to make the process more simple for your vet.**

Livestock will go through the 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. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Extension Office at 641-923-2856 or email xhancock@iastate.edu.

4-H HALL OF FAME



The 2023 Hancock County nominee to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame is Mr. Ray Tlach. Ray's commitment to the Garfield Sluggers started when he was young and was a member of the club. As an adult he was a leader of the Garfield Sluggers for over 20 years! His fondest and proudest memory of being a leader was one year at the Hancock County Fair the Garfield Sluggers had the most entries than any other club. He always recognized the time and commitment the 4-Hers put into every 4-H project and the support of all the parents. Recently Ray was able to find leaders to revive Garfield Sluggers and bring their membership to be the largest club in Hancock County.

Ray served two four-year terms on the Hancock County Extension Council, working diligently to build up Hancock County's summer workshops. When asked what advice he would give to kids and parents today about joining and being involved in 4-H, Ray said, "Kids need to find any way they can to get involved. Everyone is busy these days, but it is essential to make the time and not be afraid to try new things."

Ray has put in countless hours to the Hancock County 4-H program, and we congratulate him for being the 2023 Hancock County 4-H Hall of Fame nominee.

FLL KICKOFF

FIRST LEGO League Challenge

Who: Entering 4th-8th graders

What: Build and program LEGO robot to complete missions, invent your solution to the season's challenge: Masterpiece, present team solution, and build teamwork.

When: Season is September through either December or January. Teams meet weekly. Your team decides meeting times.

Team: Lego Challenge teams are limited to 10 members and need 2 parent coaches.

JR. FIRST LEGO League Explore

Who: Entering K-3rd graders

What: Learn simple coding, build with LEGOs to solve a challenge, build teamwork skills, and explore this season's theme: Masterpiece.

When: Season is September through either December or January. Teams meet weekly or every other week. Your team decides.

Team: Jr. Explore teams are limited to 6 members and need 2 parent coaches.

KICKOFF SIGN UP & FIND OUT NIGHTS

FIRST LEGO League Challenge
4th-8th graders & parents
Tuesday, August 29th
5:15 pm @ Extension Office

JR. FIRST LEGO League Explore
K-3rd graders & parents
Thursday, August 31st
5:15 pm @ Extension Office



CLOVER KIDS: DISPLAY AT FAIR



K-3rd grade Clover Kids are welcome to bring exhibits to display at the fair. It can be something you made at one of our workshops or something you made on your own!

1. Bring to fair anytime Tuesday, July 25th or Wednesday, July 26th
2. Fill out name card and place on Clover Kids exhibit display.
3. Pick up exhibits and ribbons on Sunday, July 30 after 4:30 pm.

Interested? Contact Victoria at vschmidt@iastate.edu or 641-923-2856 and attend our kickoff events the last week in August. We would love to have you join us!!

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ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND
WORK TOGETHER
AS CATALYSTS
FOR POSITIVE
CHANGE.





4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

HAPPENING @ FAIR

Lego Competition

Entry drop-off:
9 AM- Noon Wednesday July
26th at 4-H exhibit building

Entries on display will be
released Sunday July 31st at
4:30 PM



Charcuterie Board

No sign-up needed!

Check-in Thursday July 27th
at 1 PM by Free Stage

Bring your completed
Charcuterie Board.
Prizes Awarded!



Cupcake Wars

No sign-up needed!

Check-in Friday July 28th at
1 PM in the Bingo Building

30 minutes to decorate your
cupcakes, prizes awarded!



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