



March - April 2023

Hancock County

4-H FAMILY Newsletter



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SUMMER PROGRAM RELEASE

Fairbooks have been released and sheep/goat weigh in will be April 15th. YQCA classes are scheduled for April 16, May 2, or May 10 so be sure to get signed up if you want to attend the class face-to-face. Online training is also an option. Be sure to ID your fair animals before the May 15th for beef, dairy, dog, horse, goat, sheep, and swine. Rabbits, poultry, pets, and bucket bottle are June 15th.

We are kicking off our rabbit and dog projects again this year. Be sure to attend if you think you might be interested in showing a dog or rabbit at the fair. Sign up to purchase a lotto lamb so you have a lamb to show at the fair. You can also sign up now to purchase market broiler chickens for fair.

Family Fun Night is back! Join us for a fun night of entertainment on Friday, March 24th from 5:30-8:00 pm at the GHV Elementary School. Be sure to RSVP for free pizza, fun, games, crafts, and "Levy the Great" - a magician and balloon artist. We also have a Healthcare Career Workshop on Friday, April 7th and a string art flower bouquet workshop on April 10th in Britt or April 24th in Garner.

May 1st, be on the lookout for the release of our Summer Explorations Brochure! We have a great lineup ready for K-12th graders with hands-on learning, crafts, recipes, projects, and much more! Classes will get full so sit down with the family and plan out your summer as soon as the brochure is in your home.

All the best,
Hancock County Extension Staff

Kristy & Victoria



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CALENDAR

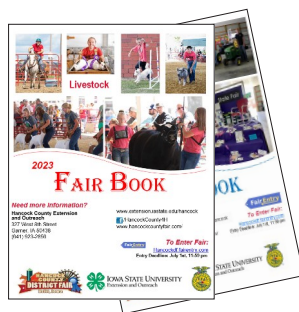
March - April

February 28	GHV Kindergarten Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
March 3-4	Orthel Jolly Workers club lock-in	private location	overnight
March 6	WH 2nd/3rd grade Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
March 6	Elcon Indians club mtg.	Extension Office	7:00 pm
March 7	GHV 2nd/3rd grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
March 11	Britt Broncos club mtg.	Municipal Building	9:00 am
March 14	Northwest Chargers club mtg.	Woden Community Center	2:00 pm
March 15	Valiant Vikings club mtg.	Leader house	3:30 pm
March 21	Garfield Sluggers club mtg.	Duncan Hall	6:00 pm
March 21	GHV 1st grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
March 24	Family Fun Night	GHV Elementary	5:30 pm
March 26	BullsEye Bunch Shooting Sports club mtg.	TBD	2:00 pm
March 27	WH K/1st grade Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
March 28	GHV Kindergarten Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
April 1	Britt Broncos club mtg.	TBD	TBD
April 3	WH 2nd/3rd Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
April 3	Elcon Indians club mtg.	Extension Office	7:00 pm
April 7	Iowa Specialty Healthcare Career Workshop	Garner Iowa Specialty Clinic	12:30 pm
April 11	GHV 2nd/3rd grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
April 14	County Council Applications Due	Extension Office	
April 16	Orthel Jolly Workers club mtg.	Extension Office	1:00 pm
April 16	BullsEye Bunch Shooting Sports club mtg.	TBD	2:00 pm
April 16	Northwest Chargers club mtg.	Woden Community Center	2:00 pm
April 17	WH K/1st grade Clover Kids	WH Elementary	3:30 pm
April 18	GHV 1st grade Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
April 18	Garfield Sluggers club mtg.	Duncan Hall	6:00 pm
April 25	GHV Kindergarten Clover Kids	GHV Elementary	3:30 pm
April 30	BullsEye Bunch Shooting Sports club mtg.	TBD	2:00 pm
July 25 - 31	Hancock County District Fair		

FAIRBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

They can be found online at our Extension website or the fair website. Hard copies can be picked up at the Extension Office or leaders can take copies for club meetings.

All other fair forms can also be found on Extension and fair websites.
www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock
or www.hancockcountyfair.com



COUNTY COUNCIL

Who: 4-H members going into 7th-12th grade

What: Be a member of our youth leadership county council. Help with county service projects, youth workshops, county fair, speak on the radio, learn life skills, and more.

When: Meets 6-8 times a year, usually on Sunday afternoons. Helps at other events and programs on a sign up basis.

Sign Up: Get additional information and the application from our website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancock-county-council-application>

Interview: Applicants must submit an application and go through an interview process. Interviews for county council will be held Sunday, April 23 starting at 1:00 pm. Questions? Email kristyb@iastate.edu.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HANCOCK

LIVESTOCK ID DEADLINES

Remember that exhibitors must ID livestock on 4-H online to make them eligible to show at fair. This is step 1 of the 2-step process to be able to show in any 4-H/FFA show.



Entry & ID process

- Step 1: ID Deadlines - in 4-H Online: accepted until 11:59 pm
 - ⇒ Market Beef (also weighed-in) - Feb. 1
 - ⇒ Breeding Beef, Market Swine, Sheep, Goats, Dairy Cattle, Horse & Dog - May 15
 - ⇒ Poultry, Rabbits, 4-H Bucket Bottle Calves, June 15
 - ⇒ Pre 4-H Bucket Bottle Calves and Lambs—July 1

****One on one help at the Extension office Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm.**

- Step 2: Fair Entry deadline: July 1
 - ⇒ Visit hancockdf.fairentry.com to log-in to the FairEntry system (open June 1).

****There will be help sheets available along with one on one help in our office Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30 pm.**

Help Sheets available for 4-H Online and FairEntry at www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty_districtfair

YQCA - REQUIRED TRAINING

HANCOCK COUNTY 2023 REQUIRED YQCA TRAINING

ALL 4-H (4th-12th grade) and FFA exhibitors who plan to show beef, sheep, swine, dairy, rabbit, poultry, or goats at County or State Fair MUST be YQCA certified.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

1. You can attend a face-to-face YQCA training. Class sizes are limited and you must pre-register at yqcaprogram.org. (\$3 fee).
2. You can participate in the online YQCA training at yqcaprogram.org (\$12 fee).
3. You can test out if you are 12 or 15 years old as of January 1 (fee is determined upon what test option you are taking). Contact Extension Office for more information about this option.

Exhibitors **MUST** be certified by **July 1** to exhibit at the fair (both county and state)

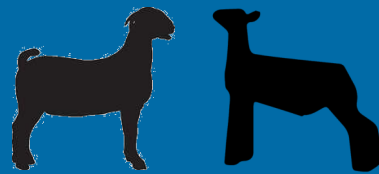
Sign-up online at yqcaprogram.org for online trainings and face-to-face trainings.

This is a new system, everyone will need to make a new account.



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.

SHEEP/GOAT WEIGH-IN



When: Sheep and Goat Weigh-in is Saturday, April 15th
9:00 am - 11:00 am at the fairgrounds.

Exhibitors must weigh-in:

- **County Fair ONLY:** Market Sheep, Commercial Ewes, and Market Meat Goats
- **State Fair Animals:** All Sheep and all Meat Goats

All State Fair Sheep and Goats must attend weigh-in for retinal imaging

If you have any questions contact the office,
xhancock@iastate.edu or
641-923-2856.

RABBIT PROJECT

Kossuth County Extension Office is offering a rabbit information workshop on Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Kossuth County Extension Office, 1121 US HWY 18, Algona, IA 50511.

Register using the QR code.



Topics will be:

- Nutrition
- Daily Care
- Handling
- Showmanship
- Rabbit Anatomy
- Other rabbit info.



LOTTO LAMB CLASS



Are you looking to get started in showing sheep? Or maybe you are just looking for a new breeder? Check out the Lotto Lamb opportunity!

The lambs will be purchased from a reputable breeder by your sheep superintendents. You will pick up your lambs at weight in on April 15th. **Lotto Lamb sign up deadline is March 15.**

Cost: Each lamb will cost \$350, and there is a required \$75 per lamb down payment.

Sign Up: Contact the Extension Office at xhancock@iastate.edu to get a sign up form or download one from our website. A \$75 down payment per lamb and sign up form is required by March 15th to secure your lamb(s). You can purchase up to 3 lambs.

For more information call or email our office at 641-923-2856 or xhancock@iastate.edu.

STATE 4-H CONFERENCE & ROUND UP

Who: 8th - 12th graders

What:

- **Conference** is an opportunity to attend workshops throughout campus, hear from a keynote speaker, participate in teambuilding, network with others, and engage in service learning opportunities
- **Round Up** is a chance to get unique, hands on experiences in the livestock category of your choice: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Horse, Poultry, Sheep, Swine

When: June 27-29

Where: Iowa State University, Ames

How: Sign up is online, and opens on March 15th. Space is limited! <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>



Healthcare Career Exploration - April 7

Who: 6th-10th grade

What: Explore careers in medicine and discover how technology is used. See how to set up a patient for an x-ray, how blood is analyzed, give injections to fruit, discover the science behind physical therapy, and explore medical careers.

When: Friday, April 15th, 12:30-4:00 pm (no school day)



Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics

Hancock County Extension and Outreach

ATHLETICO
PHYSICAL THERAPY

Presents:

Healthcare Career Exploration

How Technology Helps Us See



Where: Iowa Specialty Garner Clinic
Cost: \$5 (scholarships available)

Sign Up: Turn in payment and registration by Friday, April 3rd. Flyers are available from the link on our website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock

Questions? Call our office, 641-923-2856 or e-mail Victoria at vschmidt@iastate.edu.

4-HER'S FOR 4-H CAMPAIGN



Join the 4-H'ers for 4-H 2022 Campaign and:

✓ PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

✓ MAKE A DIFFERENCE

✓ SUPPORT 4-H'ERS

✓ GROW YOUR COMMUNITY



Your investments contribute to:

- State 4-H Youth Conference
- Financial Aid for 4-H Program Fees and Event Registrations
- Support for State Youth Council

More information can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org and search for 4-H'ers for 4-H.

Clubs interested should contact Victoria at the Extension Office about your donation. The campaign runs till June 1.

The State 4-H Council is asking that each club #CountYourClovers for Iowa 4-H'ers. The Campaign goal is \$3.00 per member donation from 4-H clubs across the state.

DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING KICKOFF



Who: 3rd-12th graders

What: Learn how to teach your dog to sit, stay, and heel. Check out the awesome ways you can show dogs in 4-H! Watch a professional dog demonstrate their skills. Training will become a weekly class to build skills for kids and their dogs.

When: Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Hancock County Fairgrounds

RSVP: Call Victoria at 641-923-2856 or email vschmidt@iastate.edu.

ORDER MARKET BROILER CHICKS

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: \$2.46 per bird.

Sign Up: May 15, 2023. Checks for the birds should be made out to Hoover's Hatchery.

Form: Download the sign up form from our website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4-h-and-ffa-market-broiler-chick-order

For questions, please contact our office at 641-923-2856.

Market Broiler Chick Orders

Order Deadline: May 15th

Who:

Any 4-H or FFA member in Grades 4th-12th

Ordering:

- Order forms can be found on our website or at our office.
- Turn in an order form and payment by deadline to participate

Stipulation:

If you purchase chicks, one Pen of Three MUST be shown at the Hancock County District Fair

Pick Up:

- Thursday, June 8th
- Hancock County Extension Office from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- MUST bring your own box.

Price:

- \$2.46 Per Bird
- All Male Broilers

Questions:

Contact the Hancock County Extension Office with any questions at 641-923-2856

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BUCKET BOTTLE

The Bucket Bottle Calf/Lamb/Goat show is for Preschool - 8th grade at the Hancock County District Fair.

Here is a reminder of the rules for this popular show:

- Calf/lamb/goat must be born between March 1- June 1 of the current year.
- Exhibitor must take possession of animal within 2 weeks of birth.
- Pre 4-H animals must be tagged and identified on paper by July 1. (4-H animal must be tagged and identified in 4-H Online by June 15)
- All bucket bottle animals must submit an entry in the FairEntry system by July 1 at 11:59 pm.
- Animal must be bucket or bottle fed, no nursing.
- Animal will be shown at halter in the show ring.
- "Judging" will be based on knowledge of exhibitor and health of calf/lamb/goat.

ALL BUCKET BOTTLE ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A HEALTH PAPER UPON ARRIVAL TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.

Questions: Contact the Hancock County Extension Office at 641-923-2856.

APRIL WORKSHOP - String Art Bouquets



Who: 4-8th grade

What: Create string art with a flower bouquet.

Britt: Monday, April 10th, 3:30 - 6:00 pm @ Britt Municipal Building

Garner: Monday, April 24th, 3:30-6:00 pm @ Extension Office.

For both locations, arrive when you can after school. Parents, please drop off a hammer with your child (do not send it to with them.)

Cost: \$10 (scholarships available)

Sign Up: Payment and registration due by April 3rd. Limited class size. Watch for flyers to come home from school, our Facebook page, and website: www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/string-art-flowerpot-workshop for additional information and registration details.

Contact our office at xhancock@iastate.edu or 641-923-2856 with any questions.

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE





4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER EXPLORATION PLANNING

We are busy planning our summer line up of workshops, trips, and tours for K-12th grade students. Many sessions will get full so please don't delay on turning in your registration. We will work to add second sessions to accommodate as many as we can.

**MAY 1ST
BROCHURE
RELEASE**

Watch for the brochures to arrive in your next 4-H newsletter and in backpacks from school for TK-4th graders.

We can not hold spots without a complete registration and payment because of the volume we handle. We are super excited to spend the summer learning with kids in Hancock County!! Thanks for letting us be a part of your summer.



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