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Hancock County

# 4-H FAMILY Newsletter



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Dear 4-H friends and families,

Hooray! Summer is almost here! We are so excited for our Summer Exploration workshops. Many have an option to sign up in Garner or in Britt.

There is something for everyone in grades K-12. Check out the brochure included in this mailing and get your registration turned back in right away. We anticipate some of our workshops will fill quickly.

We are excited to welcome Kara (Kopacek) Steffensmeier on our team. She is our full time Youth Outreach Coordinator. Be sure to say hi when you see her at a workshop. Our summer is so full that we can't wait for our three summer interns to be onboard and helping us out. Rachael Hanson, Kylie Anderson, and Abby Wirtjes are going to be great help all summer. Welcome our new team members to our 4-H family and be patient with us as we find answers to your questions.

Congratulations to our senior 4-H members who will be graduating this month. We are so glad you have been able to grow up in 4-H and know you will do great things in this world.

It is time to talk critters! Do you have the dog workout dates saved on your calendar? Don't forget to order those broiler chicks. Horse kickoff is May 6th for those who plan to show horses at fair. Get those dates on your calendars!

Animals who will be shown at the fair must be identified as 4-H projects in 4-H online. **The deadline is May 15th for horse, breeding cattle, sheep, swine, goat, dairy, and dog. Rabbits and chickens have until June 15th.** Don't delay if you need to tag your animals! You'll need to allow yourself time to pick up tags, tag the animals, and enter everything into the computer system.

Please review the fair entry process and dates for helping to get the fairgrounds ready for a great fair. **Deadline for entering fair classes for county fair and state fair is JULY 1ST.** We know that 4-H has a lot of paperwork and entering to show at the fair can be complicated. Don't hesitate to reach out and ask for help. We are happy to answer questions and walk you through the process.

We are so excited for an amazing summer! See you around,  
Hancock County Extension Staff  
Kristy, Victoria, and Kara



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# CALENDAR

May 6	Horse Project kickoff	Britt First Lutheran Church	10:00 am
May 7	BullsEye Bunch club mtg.	Leader house	2:00 pm
May 14	Northwest Chargers club mtg.	Woden Community Center	TBD
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Livestock ID (horse, breeding cattle, sheep, swine, goat, dairy, dog) DUE</b>	<b>4-H ONLINE</b>	
May 31	Motor Workshop	GHV High School Shop	6:00 pm
June 1	Flowers & Veggies—Grow your own	Britt Municipal Building	1:00 pm
June 2	Squirt Gun Painting	Tourist Park - Garner	1:00 pm
June 2	Squirt Gun Painting	Lions Park - Britt	3:30 pm
June 6	Tall Corn Field Day	County Line's Seed Plot—FC	1:00 pm
June 7	Canning Ring Flowers	Britt Municipal Building	1:00 pm
June 7	Canning Ring Flowers	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 8	Wire Sculpture - part 1	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 9	Wire Sculpture - part 2	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 9	Clover Kids Camp Night	Elwood Sherwood Park-Goodell	5:30 pm
June 12	Jarcuterie	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 13	Letter Photography	Central Park—Garner	1:00 pm
June 14	Art in the Park: Sea Creature painting	Tourist Park—Garner	1:00 pm
June 14	Rockets Britt	WH Elementary	1:00 pm
June 15	3D Toilet Paper Sculpture	Britt Municipal Building	1:00 pm
June 16	Electrical PVC Lamps	Britt Municipal Building	1:00 pm
June 17	Britt Broncos club mtg.	Fairgrounds	8:00 am
June 17	Fair Clean Up day	Fairgrounds	8:30 am
June 18	BullsEye Bunch club mtg.	Crystal Lake Park	1:30 pm
June 19	Wood Planter Stand	GHV High School Shop	1:00 pm
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Livestock ID (rabbit, poultry, pet) DUE</b>	<b>4-H ONLINE</b>	
June 20	Meal Challenge—part 1	Farm Bureau Office	1:00 pm
June 21	Meal Challenge—part 2	GHV High School	1:00 pm
June 22	Pasta Flowers	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 23	Tye Dye Bag & Pillowcase	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 23	Tye Dye Bag & Pillowcase	Britt Municipal Building	3:30 pm
June 26	Spa Day	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 26	Spa Day	Britt Public Library	1:00 pm
June 27	Rockets Garner	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 28	Art in the Park: Ice Cream Cone	Tourist Park	1:00 pm
June 29	Stain Glass	Hancock Extension—Garner	1:00 pm
June 29	Stain Glass	Britt Municipal Building	4:00 pm
June 30	Succulent Terrarium	Tourist Park—Garner	1:00 pm
June 30	Succulent Terrarium	Britt Municipal Building	1:00 pm
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Hancock County District Fair class entries due</b>	<b>Online</b>	
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Iowa State Fair class entries due</b>	<b>Online</b>	
July 25- July 31	Hancock County District Fair		
August 10-20	Iowa State Fair		

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# WELCOME NEW STAFF!!

## Youth Outreach Coordinator - Kara Steffensmeier



Hello, I'm Kara (Kopacek) Steffensmeier, the new Youth Outreach Coordinator for Hancock County Extension and Outreach. I currently live in Garner, but grew up on a farm Southeast of Britt. I am a graduate of West Hancock High School. I have my degree from UNI in Child & Family services which allowed me the opportunity to work with some amazing families and kids throughout my career. I have three boys; Mitch is attending ISU and active duty for the Air National Guard, Matt is attending Central College in Pella, and Aiden is completing 7th grade at GHV. In my spare time I enjoy catching up with my kids and spending time with family. I am excited to be a part of the Hancock County Extension family and get back to my 4-H roots. 4-H was a big part of my life growing up, which gave me many opportunities and are some of my favorite memories.

## 4-H STATIC EXHIBIT ONLINE 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 from 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 25th. 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 re-made. 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.

Huge thanks to JJ Wise Auctioneering for giving our exhibitors this opportunity.

## Summer Intern - Rachael Hanson

I am excited to be back again for my fourth summer with ISU Extension and Outreach! I am graduating from Loras College this May and have decided to pursue my Master's at Washington University in St. Louis this August. Something I am looking forward to this summer is all our fun-filled workshops and, of course, the 2023 Hancock County District Fair! In my free time, you most likely will find me outside hiking or fishing with my two-year-old lab, Davy Bojangles! Again, I am so excited to be back and to see what this summer will bring!



## Summer Intern - Kylie Anderson

My name is Kylie Anderson and I am currently a freshman at Iowa State University. I am double majoring in Agricultural Communications and International Agriculture with a minor in Spanish. I am looking forward to coming home this summer and having the opportunity to intern at the Hancock County Extension Office.

## Summer Intern - Abby Wirtjes

Hello! My name is Abby Wirtjes and I am very excited to be a summer intern for the Hancock County Extension office! I will be graduating from Bethel University this May with a degree in Relational Communications. I grew up being very involved in 4-H and the Hancock County District Fair. In my free time I enjoy being with family and friends, playing spikeball, skiing, hiking, and catching sunsets. I am eager to see what this summer holds and look forward to all the opportunities!



## OUR VISION

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







# Hancock County 4-H Graduating Senior Spotlights

## Braden Boehnke

**Parent's names:**

Dan and Sue Boehnke

**High school:**

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura

**Years in 4-H and club:**

Concord Challengers / 8 years

**Project areas:** Showing Pigs, Bucket Bottle Calves, Goats, Intermediate County Council, Senior County Council, Photography, Textiles, and Treasurer for my club.

**After graduation plans:**

Attending ISU for Business

**Advice to 4-H members:**

Get involved and stay involved



## Caitlyn Bjoraker

**Parents Names:**

Emily and Brandon Bjoraker

**High School:**

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School

**Years In 4H and Club:** Horse Project / 9 years

**Project Areas:** Horse & Pony Project, Horse Club

**After Graduation Plans:** Attend Ellsworth

Community College to study Equine Science and Equine Management

**Advice to 4-H members:** Remember to close the gate.



## Corrina King

**Parent's names:** Stacey King and Donny King

**High school:** West Hancock High School

**Years in 4-H and club:** Clover kids: 1st - 3rd grade; Orthel Jolly Workers: 4th—12th

**Project areas:** Woodworking, Photography, Sewing and Needle Art, Home Improvement, Rabbits, Sheep, and Bucket Bottle Calves

**After graduation plans:** I will be attending Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge for Pre Mortuary Science

**Advice to 4-H members:** Don't be afraid to try new things and get involved.



## Dalton Konz

**Parent's names:**

Brian and Heidi Konz

**High school:**

Garner-Ventura-Hayfield High School

**Years in 4-H and club:** Elcon Indians / 8 Years

**Project areas:** Swine

**After graduation plans:** ISU Ag Business

**Advice to 4-H members:** Be involved in as many activities as you can at the fair!





# Emma Goll

Parents: Dan & Traci Goll

High School:

Garner-Ventura-Hayfield High School

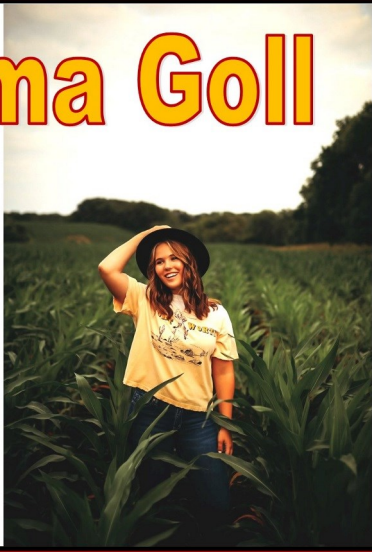
Years in 4-H and Club:

Concord Challengers / 8 Years

Project Areas: Food and Nutrition, Home Improvement

After Graduation Plans: Attend Iowa State University majoring in Psychology with a minor in Spanish

Advice to 4-H Members: Join County Council



# Hayden Lang

Parent's names:

Chad and Sara Lang

High school:

West Hancock High School

Years in 4-H and club: Orthel Jolly Workers / 3 years

Project areas: Photography, Home Improvement, Sewing and Needle work, Woodwork

After graduation plans: Attend NIACC for a year to get general health science education then transfer to get a bachelors degree in Ultrasound Technology

Advice to 4-H members: Have fun and enjoy it because it goes by fast



# Jace Hanson

Parent's names:

Patti and Jason Hanson

High school: Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School

Years in 4-H and club:

Bullseye Bunch shooting sports / 2 years

Project areas: Tractors

After graduation plans: Work as a mechanic

Advice to 4-H members: Go out and have fun in 4-H



# Jenna Marchand

Parent's names: Eric and Christy Marchand

High school: West Hancock High School

Years in 4-H and club: Britt Broncos / 6 years

Project areas: Static projects: Photography, Home Improvement, Share-the-Fun, and Clothing

After graduation plans: Attend Benedictine College, Atchison, KS for Elementary Education

Advice to 4-H members: Get involved and do projects out of your comfort zone.



## Congratulations class of 2023! We are proud of you!

### OUR PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO GREATER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.







# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!!

## Katelyn Beenken



**Parent's names:** Brandon and Emily Beenken

**High school:** Forest City High School

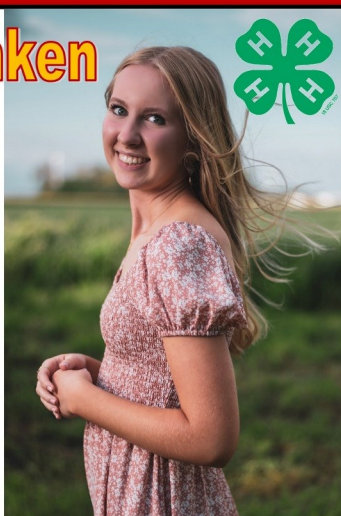
**Years in 4-H and club:**

Northwest Chargers / 8 years

**Project areas:** Food and Nutrition, Photography, Visual Arts, Home Improvement, Sewing and Needle Arts, Child Development, Photography, Welding, Woodworking, Working Exhibits, Gardening, Flowers, and Pigs

**After graduation plans:** Attend Central College for elementary education

**Advice to 4-H members:** Try new project areas and push yourself to try new things.



## Keagen Buchda

**Parent's names:**

Carrie & Alex Lau and Heath Heimer

**High school:** Garner-Hayfield-Ventura

**Years in 4-H and club:** Elcon Indians / 12 years in 4-H (started out as a Clover Kid!)

**Project areas:** Beef, Poultry, Photography, Woodworking, Food and Nutrition, Home Grounds Improvement, Animal Science, Livestock Judging, County Council

**After graduation plans:** To attend DMACC in Ankeny for Diesel Mechanics

**Advice to 4-H members:** Making memories is more important than earning trophies - participate (in some way) at the Hancock County District Fair - you won't regret it!



## Maddie Bruggeman



**Parents Names:**

Bobbi and Andy Bruggeman

**High School:** West Hancock High School

**Years in 4-H and Club:** Britt Broncos / 10 years

**Project Areas:** Woodworking and Home Improvement

**After Graduation Plans:** I will be attending PCI Academy for Cosmetology and Esthetician.

**Advice to 4-H Members:** Go out, support, and enjoy the Hancock County Fair.



## Sarah Schmidt



**Parents Names:** Rusty and Stacy Schmidt

**High School:**

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School

**Years in 4-H:**

Concord Challengers / 10 years

**Project Areas:** Livestock (Sheep & Goats)

**After Graduation Plans:**

Attend the University of Iowa

**Advice to 4-H Members:** Show as many animals as you can and prioritize the importance of showmanship!



# HORSE WORKOUTS

Horse workouts are for 4th-12th grade 4-H and FFA members. It is a great opportunity to practice for the fair and get your horse used to the show environment.

Kickoff for the horse project will be Saturday, May 6th in the basement of the Britt First Lutheran Church at 10:00 am. Weekly workout schedule will be discussed at kickoff. For more information call or email the Extension Office at [xhancock@iastate.edu](mailto:xhancock@iastate.edu) or 641-923-2856.



# DOG OBEDIENCE



Our dog obedience classes will begin in May on Wednesday nights from

6:30 - 7:30 pm at the fairgrounds. We are looking forward to training the dogs to learn obedience and agility and perform at the fair on Saturday, July 29th. 3rd-12th graders can still join us if they want to learn how to train a dog. Please email Victoria at [vschmidt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmidt@iastate.edu) for more information.

# LIVESTOCK ID – MAY 15TH!

Reminder to all 4th-12th graders: 4-H animal data **MUST** be entered into 4-H Online by Monday, May 15th to be eligible to show at the 2023 Hancock County District Fair or Iowa State Fair. If 4th-12th graders have animals that are not entered by May 15th, they will NOT be shown at the 2023 Hancock County District Fair. **NO exceptions!** (Poultry, Pets, and Rabbits must be entered by June 15th).

4-H animals must be ID'ed with a 4-H tag. Feel free to stop by our office to pick them up at any time. Questions? Contact the office at [xhancock@iastate.edu](mailto:xhancock@iastate.edu) or 641-923-2856.

# TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!

If you plan to show at the 2023 Hancock County District Fair, **ALL** 4-H animal data **MUST** be entered into 4-H online 2.0 by families by **May 15th**. (Poultry, Pets, Rabbits **MUST** be entered by June 15).



# ORDER MARKET BROILER CHICKS

## 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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**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](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4-h-and-ffa-market-broiler-chick-order)

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

# MAKERSPACE HIGHLIGHTS

3rd - 5th graders joined us for seven weeks of hands on exploring. We sewed hot pads, made roller coasters, learned about 3D printing houses and made some of our own 3D pen designs, discovered electrical circuits, mixed bread and ice cream in a bag, used power tools to make a shelf, and created some great science explosions!





## SHOWING FOODS AT FAIR

Everyone eats food, and it is easy to exhibit at the fair. The best baseline to consider when thinking about what food to show at the fair is refrigeration. Only foods that do not need refrigeration can



show at the fair. The document *Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs - Quick Reference Guide* is very valuable when considering what food to exhibit. It will walk you through what foods are acceptable and what specific things your recipe will need to include. This document can be found on our website or the Iowa 4-H website or stop by and grab a copy from the office.

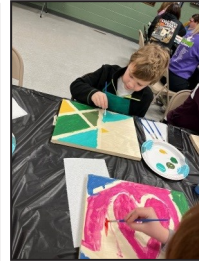
Any recipes you question for acceptability can be sent to the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach AnswerLine to get official approval or acceptable modifications. Please email your recipe and questions to [answer@iastate.edu](mailto:answer@iastate.edu). Print their reply and any modification instructions and include this documentation with your goal sheet when you exhibit at the fair.

We are excited to see what recipes will be shown this year. One sample and a photo of the food item will be displayed and the rest returned to the 4-H member. Food can be on the online exhibit auction but must be made fresh for pickup on Sunday afternoon.

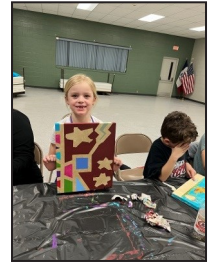
## PAINTING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS



Missy Huling helped us learn about negative space paintings and how to tape a pattern or image to leave it as wood for your finished creation.

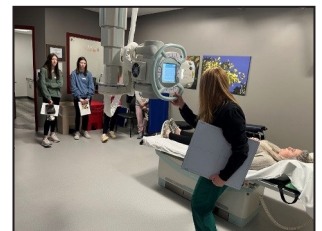


We had a great time and even some parents painted with us.



## MEDICAL CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

We had a great time with Iowa Specialty Hospital and Clinics when we explored medical careers. We gave injections to fruit and practiced sutures on stuffed animals. We learned about sleep studies, how to give x-rays, what respiratory therapists do, and why physical therapists are important. It was a great day exploring careers in medical technology and learning about jobs behind the scenes of health care.



## CLOVER KID HIGHLIGHTS



K-3rd graders have been busy as engineers this year. Each month we practiced the engineering design process. We worked to solve problems by trying a solution and then modifying our efforts to get a better solution.

Clover Kids made penny boats that held over 50 pennies! Everyone made a marble roller coaster and was successful in getting the marble from the table to the bowl on the floor. We made towers for bears to sit on and built kites and paper airplanes to learn about flight. We engineered our own marshmallow catapults and got to launch pumpkins. We learned about electricity and wind power while making our own windmills.



More than 100 K-3rd graders in GHV and West Hancock school districts were able to participate and learn with us. Thanks for allowing your children to be in the Clover Kids program!!!



# ENTER FAIR CLASSES: DEADLINE JULY 1ST

## Entry Process for ALL fair exhibits (animals, static, communications):

**DUE July 1**

Visit [hancockdf.fairentry.com](http://hancockdf.fairentry.com) to log-in to the FairEntry system.

Help Sheets available for 4-H Online and FairEntry at [www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty\\_districtfair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty_districtfair)

Call us at 641-923-2856 with questions.

## 2023 Rule Changes & Reminders

### Livestock General/Auction

- All exhibitors must be in good standings with the Fair Board (no unpaid bills) in order to receive exhibitor number. Bills will carry from year to year.
- If an animal's health is in question, it will be asked to be removed and will not be eligible for auction.
- No private sales are permitted to be transported by the truck. If animals are not going through the auction you must make your own transportation arrangements.
- Failure to properly clean stalls upon check out will result in a \$50 stall cleaning fee.

### Pre 4-H Youth Livestock

- All bucket bottle animals and feeder calves must be checked in between 7:00 am – noon, Wednesday, July 26th.

### Beef/Dairy

- **All market steers must meet a minimum average daily gain of 2.3 lbs per day or more to qualify for champion drive or to receive grand or reserve titles.**
- **All market heifers must meet a minimum average daily gain of 2.1 lbs per day or more to qualify for champion drive or to receive grand or reserve titles.**
- **Animals are only allowed to show in ONE lead market animal class. Except: County Bred animals should sign up for the county bred class to return to the ring for special county champion awards.**

### Horse

- Ties for high point/all around will be broken by:
  1. Most first place finishes on the horse/rider combination.
  2. Most purple ribbons received, continuing down with ribbon color until tie is broken
- Ranch pleasure class added. Must choose western pleasure or ranch pleasure.

### Horticulture

- **Judging for flowers and veggies will take place on Tuesday, July 25th from noon- 3:30 pm.**

### Poultry

- Check-in will be 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 25.
- There will be 2 posted barn clean out times. Please make every effort to have the exhibitor or someone representing the exhibitor present to help clean out the barn at these times.
- **Animal well-being checks will be performed 3 times each day. If animals are found without water, they will be rechecked within 2 hours. Completely dry water dishes past the recheck time will result in a warning (Yellow zip tie). Second time offenses will no longer be eligible for auction (Red zip tie).**

### Rabbit

- Show will start at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 28.
- There will be 2 posted barn clean out times. Please make every effort to have the exhibitor or someone representing the exhibitor present to help clean out the barn at these times.
- **RABBITS HAVE TO HAVE PERMANENT EAR TATTOOS PRIOR to coming to the fair. If rabbits are found to have no/not permanent, or a fresh tattoo (within a few days), or the wrong tattoo they will not be able to show.**
- **Appropriate food and water dishes must be used. If rabbits are found without food or water the exhibitor will be found to fix the problem. If the problem persists, the exhibitor will be asked to take the animal home and not be eligible for auction.**

### Sheep

- Check-in is from 10:00 am - noon Wednesday, July 26.
- Class added for speckle face lambs in both breeding and market divisions of show.

### Swine

- Limit of how many head you can show in each class has been removed.
- **We will be able to sell animals to a packer from the auction again this year. There will also be an option to sell additional animals (even extras from home that didn't show) directly to the packer and help fill the truck.**

### Static/Non-Livestock

- Judging for Clothing Event will take place on Tuesday, July 25th during all other static judging
- Educational Presentations and Clothing Event Style show will take place with Share The Fun on Thursday, July 27th at 4:00 pm.
- \$15 Clothing Challenge class has been updated to \$20 Clothing Challenge Class.
- The Thrifty Meal Challenge budget has increased from \$10 to \$11.

## FAIR WORKDAYS & 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 be 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 SPRUCE UP DAY

Saturday, June 17 at 8:30 am

### FAIR SET UP DAY

Saturday, July 22 at 8:30 am

### FAIR CLEAN UP DAY

Monday, July 31 after auction

Attend and help clean on Monday, July 31st and choose to attend either the June 17th clean up day or the July 22nd set up day and 4-H/FFA exhibitors will receive a \$10 Casey's gift certificate.



## 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](http://yqcaprogram.org). (\$3 fee).
2. You can participate in the online YQCA training at [yqcaprogram.org](http://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](http://yqcaprogram.org) for online trainings and face-to-face trainings.**

**This is a new system, everyone will need to make a new account. When making a new account register as a parent and put in the parent's birthdate. Then you can add multiple children to manage under a parent account.**

## ACHIEVEMENT SHOW -THURSDAY JUNE 29th

**Who:** Recommended for anyone who wants 4-H static judging and paperwork tips, especially younger members.

**What:** Talk with a 4-H judge to make sure your exhibit is in the correct class, you have the right words and phrases in your paperwork, and you understand the judging process. Exhibits do not have to be complete. You can even just share ideas with the judge. Show the judge the exhibit you have questions on or go over several exhibits.

**Where:** Hancock County Extension Office or virtually via zoom

**When:** Thursday, June 29th 1:00-6:00 pm. Come and go or log in virtually.

**Why:** Learn what judges are looking for, how to get a blue ribbon exhibit, what extra key words to put in your fair goal sheets.



### Garner

**When:** Tuesday, May 2nd  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Extension Office

**Pre-registration required.**

### Britt

**When:** Wed, May 10th  
*\*Early Out\**  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** WH High School

**Pre-registration required.**



Did you know? You don't have to fill out goal sheets or pre-register to show vegetables, flowers, and plants at the Hancock County District Fair?

**Who:** 4th-12th grade 4-H members (and FFA too)

**What:** Exhibit vegetables, flowers, and plants at the fair. Blue ribbon premiums are \$2.00 for each entry.

**How:** Refer to the *Preparing Flowers and Plants for Exhibition & Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit* documents available from the Extension Office or from Iowa 4-H online. They tell you exactly how to prepare each kind of veggie or flower.

**When/Where: NEW FOR 2023!!!** Flower and veggie judging will be on Tuesday, July 25th at the fairgrounds from noon- 3:30 pm. Sit with the judge like you do for other static exhibits.

**Why:** A simple way to have a fair exhibit without doing a goal sheet or caring for livestock. If you have any veggies or flowers already growing, just bring what you already worked to plant and grow.

