



**September - October 2023**

**Hancock County**

# 4-H FAMILY Newsletter



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Dear 4-H friends and families,

We hope you are settling nicely back into the school routine. We had a wonderful summer full of workshops and county fair. Thanks for allowing us to learn and explore with your child.

Congratulations for a successful summer! Be sure to check out the results of our hard working kids who were selected or took exhibits to the Iowa State Fair.

We are now taking registrations for Clover Kids. Clover Kids meet once a month based on the age of your child. We are excited to be Clover Chefs who are exploring basic cooking skills and making our own snacks. Get your K-3rd graders signed up ASAP.

Our FIRST LEGO League program is going to be great this season! The challenge theme is MASTERPIECE to learn all about communication through the arts. Is your K-8th grader up to the challenge? **If you missed our kickoff meeting and would still like to join a team contact Victoria at [vschmidt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmidt@iastate.edu) or Kara at [karast@iastate.edu](mailto:karast@iastate.edu) ASAP so we can get you connected to a team.**

As we wrap up another 4-H year and get started with a new season don't forget to turn in record books and apply for awards. **The deadline to turn in all award applications and records is September 15th. The Sweets and Greiman family awards are great honors that 4-Hers should check out!** Those of you who are graduates; please don't forget to apply for the Bock Scholarship!

A new 4-H year brings us back to re-enrollment. Please be sure to complete re-enrollment ASAP so you don't miss any important updates from our office and so we have the most up-to-date information to be able to get ahold of parents.

All the best,  
Hancock County Extension Staff  
Kristy, Victoria, & Kara



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# CALENDAR

|                            |  |                         |                |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday, Sept. 10           | Northwest Chargers club mtg.                         | Woden                   | 2:00 pm        |
| Sunday, Sept. 10           | County Council mtg.                                  | Extension Office        | 2:00 pm        |
| Monday, Sept. 18           | Valiant Vikings club mtg.                            | Leader's house          | 6:00 pm        |
| Saturday, Sept. 23         | Orthel Jolly Workers club mtg                        | Super Bowl, Forest City | 6:30 pm        |
| Monday, Sept. 25           | Sports Palooza workshop - Garner                     | GHV Elementary          | 3:30 pm        |
| Thursday, Sept. 28         | Sports Palooza workshop - Britt                      | WH Elementary           | 3:30 pm        |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept. 13</b> | <b>Clover Kid Registration due</b>                   | <b>Extension Office</b> |                |
| <b>Friday, Sept. 15</b>    | <b>4-H Record Books &amp; Award Applications due</b> | <b>Extension Office</b> |                |
| Oct. 1-7                   | National 4-H week                                    | Everywhere!             |                |
| Sunday, Oct. 1             | Bead Basics Workshop - Orthel Jolly Workers          | Extension Office        | 3:00 - 4:30 pm |
| Tuesday, Oct. 3            | GHV 3rd grade Clover Kids                            | GHV Elementary          | 3:30 5:00 pm   |
| Sunday, Oct. 8             | Northwest Chargers club mtg.                         | Woden                   | 2:00 pm        |
| Monday, Oct. 9             | WH 2nd-3rd grade Clover Kids                         | WH Elementary           | 3:30 - 5:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Oct. 10           | GHV 2nd grade Clover Kids                            | GHV Elementary          | 3:30 - 5:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Oct. 10           | Carmel Apple Pie & Cheesecloth ghosts workshop       | Extension Office        | 6:00 pm        |
| Saturday, Oct. 14          | Orthel Jolly Workers club mtg.                       | TBD                     | 6:30 pm        |
| Monday, Oct. 16            | WH K-1st grade Clover Kids                           | WH Elementary           | 3:30 - 5:00 pm |
| Monday, Oct. 16            | Valiant Vikings club mtg.                            | Leader's house          | 6:00 pm        |
| Tuesday, Oct. 17           | GHV 1st grade Clover Kids                            | GHV Elementary          | 3:30 - 5:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Oct. 24           | GHV Kindergarten Clover Kids                         | GHV Elementary          | 3:30 - 5:00 pm |
| July 23 - July 30, 2024    | Hancock County District Fair                         |                         |                |
| August 8-18, 2024          | Iowa State Fair                                      |                         |                |

## BOCK SCHOLARSHIP

**Who:** Graduates

**What:** Remember the Bock Scholarship Application and requirements

**When:** Due September 15th to Extension Office

**Where:** [www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/club-resources](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/club-resources)

### Requirements:

- Be a graduate 4-Her who has completed their senior year of high school.
- Enter at least two (2) 4-H exhibits of any kind (livestock, static, or communications) in the Hancock County Fair the summer following graduation from High School. The scholarship will not be awarded if the recipient did not enter at least 2 fair exhibits.
- Plan to attend a college, university or trade school the summer, fall or winter following High School graduation.



- Have completed a Record Book for the previous year in 4-H (turn in a record book for this past 4-H year that is ending now). Preference will be given to applicants who have completed a Record Book for the previous 4 years.
- Have a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**Graduates:** Be sure that you don't forget to apply for the Bock Scholarship in the midst of life transitions. Completing a record book can be simple, don't let it scare you away from this great opportunity!

**12th graders:** File this for next summer/fall and don't forget that this great opportunity is available to you!

This is a wonderful opportunity given by the Bock family. Please take an afternoon and get your application and 4-H records done so you can be considered for this honor. Give us a call at 641-923-2856 if we can help or if you have any questions.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: [EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HANCOCK](http://EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HANCOCK)



# IOWA STATE FAIR SHOW RESULTS

4-Hers in Hancock County had a very busy and successful time showing livestock and static exhibits at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, August 10-20. Eighteen exhibitors took cattle, swine, sheep, or goats to the state fair and 25 4-Hers had static exhibits selected from the county fair advancing to state fair. Nathan Bixel won the Grand Champion Poland China breeding gilt. Congrats to everyone!

## Static Exhibits

|                    |                                 |               |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Ostercamp, Grace   | Educational Presentations       | Merit         |
| Schumacher, Emma   | Educational Presentations       | Recognition   |
| Upmeyer, Aubrey    | Share The Fun                   | Participation |
| Allison            | Working Exhibits                | Merit         |
| Quinten Pergande   | Working Exhibits                | Merit         |
| Eekhoff, Wyatt     | Crop Production & Plant Science | Red           |
| DeWaard, Olivia    | Home Grounds Improvement        | Blue          |
| Wirtjes, Allison   | Photography                     | Red           |
| Lamb, Luke         | Photography                     | Blue          |
| Barker, Hannah     | Photography                     | Blue          |
| Lyman, McKenzie    | Photography                     | Red           |
| Lyman, McKenzie    | Photography                     | Red           |
| Ross, Katrina      | Photography                     | Blue          |
| Marchand, Tara     | Visual Arts                     | Red           |
| Toro-Jorge, Atabey | Visual Arts                     | Blue          |
| Lamb, Luke         | Visual Arts                     | Red           |
| Ostercamp, Grace   | Visual Arts                     | Red           |
| Pergande, Quinten  | Sewn Clothing                   | Red           |
| Ross, Katrina      | Sewn Clothing                   | Red           |
| Toro-Jorge, Atabey | Sewn Clothing                   | Red           |
| Haugland, Ryker    | Consumer Management             | Blue          |
| Lamb, Luke         | Consumer Management             | Blue          |
| Pringnitz, Jenna   | Food & Nutrition                | Blue          |
| Pringnitz, Jonah   | Food & Nutrition                | Blue          |
| Haugland, Ryker    | Food & Nutrition                | Blue          |
| Eekhoff, Wyatt     | Food & Nutrition                | Blue          |
| Hanson, Kollin     | Home Improvement                | Blue          |
| Wirtjes, Elise     | Home Improvement                | Blue          |
| Marchand, Jenna    | Home Improvement                | Blue          |
| Schumacher, Emma   | Home Improvement                | Blue          |
| Ostercamp, Grace   | Sewing and Needle Arts          | Red           |
| Haugland, Ryker    | Thrifty Meal Challenge          | Blue          |
| Haugland, Cami     | 4-H Poster Communication        | Seal of Merit |
| Haugland, Ryker    | 4-H Poster Communication        | Recognition   |
| Haugland, Ryker    | Mechanics                       | Red           |
| Eekhoff, Wyatt     | Mechanics                       | Red           |
| Finch, Wyatt       | Welding                         | Red           |
| Engstler, Heather  | Woodworking                     | Blue          |

## Breeding Beef

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Muff, Leah     | Blue   |
| Greiman, Jacob | Purple |
| Kudej, Logan   | Blue   |

## Market Beef

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Kudej, Logan  | Blue |
| Muff, Marissa | Blue |

## Breeding Meat Goats

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Klooster, Logan    | Blue |
| Klooster, Carolina | Blue |
| Klooster, Carolina | Blue |

## Market Meat Goats

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Klooster, Logan    | Blue |
| Klooster, Carolina | Blue |

## Meat Goat Showmanship

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Klooster, Logan    | Blue |
| Klooster, Carolina | Blue |

## Breeding Sheep

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Hinders, Avery  | Blue |
| Stromer, Evie   | Blue |
| Stromer, Olivia | Blue |

## Market Sheep

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Hinders, Avery | Blue |
|----------------|------|

## Sheep Showmanship

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Stromer, Evie   | Blue |
| Stromer, Olivia | Blue |



## Breeding Swine

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Bixel, Brady          | Purple  |
| Bixel, Nathan         | Purple, |
| Champion Poland China |         |
| Kudej, Meara          | Blue    |
| Konz, Gage            | Purple  |
| Klooster, Logan       | Blue    |

## Market Swine

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Bixel, Nathan    | Blue   |
| Klooster, Jordan | Purple |
| Bixel, Brady     | Blue   |
| Bixel, Nathan    | Blue   |
| Konz, Tye        | Blue   |
| Klooster, Logan  | Blue   |
| Konz, Gage       | Blue   |

## Swine Showmanship

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Konz, Tye        | Purple |
| Klooster, Jordan | Blue   |
| Konz, Gage       | Blue   |



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.



## National 4-H Week

Nearly 6 million young people from across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week October 1-7. It is a time to promote 4-H, celebrate your accomplishments, get fired up for next year, and share the impact of 4-H.

Join Hancock 4-H on social media! We will be having multiple trivia and contests on our Facebook page during National 4-H week. Post about your 4-Her or your 4-H experience.

What do you love about 4-H? We'd love to hear it! Email us at [xhancock@iastate.edu](mailto:xhancock@iastate.edu).

**4-H Green Day**—Wear the 4-H clover on Thursday, October 5th. All 4-Hers, parents, leaders, supporters, alumni, and friends of 4-H are encouraged to show off their 4-H spirit. Share pictures of your family and friends and their 4-H spirit on social media.

Let's see what you can tag - #Hancock4h



## RECORD BOOKS & RECOGNITION

Record Keeping and Awards are completed and applied for at the end of the 4-H year. This can be done in a socially distant world and it can be done even if you didn't participate in the fair.

### **Our deadline for award applications and record completion recognition is September 15, 2023.**

Many of you are deserving of the awards that are offered to 4-Hers who exemplify excellent leadership, citizenship, character, enthusiasm, and service. Please consider applying or asking your club leader to nominate you.

Instead of holding a county wide award ceremony, we will continue with our social media and virtual recognition and would be happy to present awards at club meetings by request.

There are 2 main categories where 4-Hers can receive awards.

### **Bronze, Silver, or Gold project record completion**

Project record completion awards are not competitive. If you meet the requirements found on the "Project Record Completion Application" you will receive a bronze, silver, or gold; depending on which level you applied for. You must also submit your records related to that project. These records can be submitted in many forms: in a book with all your 4-H projects, in a binder (or other method of filing) related to just that project area, or a video or other electronic document.

### **Competitive Awards**

These awards can only be won once during each age division of 4-H (Jr. 4-6th grade, Int. 7-8th



grade, Sr. 9-12th grade or age category depending on the award). **The Sweers and Greiman family awards are great honors that 4-Hers**

**should check out!** Some are judged exclusively on the applications or additional materials may be required. (your 4-H records, your school transcript, etc). The award selection is competitive and will be judged based on your application, record book, and any other supporting material the specific award asks for.

Leader nominated awards are due October 1<sup>st</sup> and include nomination awards for 4-Hers, awards for the club to win, nominations of outstanding volunteers.

All record keeping forms can be found on our website, [www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/club-resources](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/club-resources)

Forms are available as both google docs or Word documents.

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

**All award applications and 4-H records are due to the Extension office by Friday, September 15th.**



# CLOVER KIDS

**Who:** Grades K-3

**Garner:** **TUESDAYS** afterschool till 5:00 pm @ GHV Elementary school

**Britt:** **MONDAYS** afterschool till 5:00 pm @ WH Elementary school

**When:** Please check the brochure or link on our website for specific dates and times for your child's grade and school they attend.

**What:** This year the theme will be focused on learning about the world of culinary basics. Members will build their skills using culinary tools, cooking techniques, and kitchen safety. Members will learn about nutritional variety and food preparation to make healthy snacks and meals at home. Snack is included at each session.



**Fees:** \$25 for the 2023-2024 School Year. Scholarships available.

**Sign Up:** The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, September 13th.

There are 3 ways to receive registration materials:

1. Check backpacks for flyers sent from school.
2. Pick up from the Hancock County Extension Office.
3. Print from our website, [www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/)

## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE (4-8 Grade)

**Who:** 4th-8th graders

**What:** Build and program LEGO robot to complete missions, invent your solution to the season challenge: MASTERPIECE, present team solution, and build teamwork together.

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

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

Teams are getting up and rolling. If you haven't joined a team yet and would like to do so contact Kara at [karast@iastate.edu](mailto:karast@iastate.edu) ASAP.



## JR. FIRST LEGO LEAGUE EXPLORE (K-3 Grade)



**Who:** K-3rd graders

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

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

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

Teams are getting up and rolling. If you haven't joined a team yet and would like to do so contact Victoria at [vschmidt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmidt@iastate.edu) ASAP.

### OUR VISION

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



## NEW 4-H YEAR = RE-ENROLL



**Who:** All 4-H members and volunteers

**Where:** [4honline.com](http://4honline.com)

**How:** Log in using your primary family email address (who manages your 4-H online and Fair Entry things?)

**Fees:** NONE! \$40 fee to join Iowa 4-H is generously being paid by NEW Coop and Hancock County Extension Council! The enrollment fee is a one time fee that is paid to Iowa 4-H for membership in club programs. Additional fees may apply for county wide workshops or for club specific events.

**Why:** 4-H members are proven to be more likely to serve the community, have more confident leadership and communication skills, learn project or topic specific skills, and build relationships with lifelong friends.

**Types:** 4-H has community clubs, project pop up clubs, LEGO teams, and more.

Contact our office at 641-923-2856 or [vschmidt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmidt@iastate.edu) for help connecting to a 4-H club that best fits your family.

HANCOCK COUNTY

# 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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## FALL WORKSHOPS



the registration flyer: [www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock).  
Space is limited.

**Who:**  
3rd - 8th grade

**When:** Tuesday,  
October 10,  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Where:** Hancock  
County Extension  
Office - Garner

**What:** Make a  
caramel apple pie  
bombs and  
cheesecloth ghosts  
**Cost:** \$5.00

**Sign Up:** Flyers will  
be coming home  
from school or visit  
our website to  
download a copy of



## Sports Palooza



Show your school spirit with crafts

Tie game ball pillow/spirit pom poms

Thursday, Sept. 28

3:30 - 5:00 pm

**Who:** K-3rd grade

**GHV:** Monday, Sept. 25 at GHV Elementary

**WH:** Thursday, Sept. 28 at WH Elementary

**Time:** 3:30 - 5:00 pm

**What:** Make a tie game ball pillow and spirit pom poms.

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Sign Up:** Flyers will be coming home from school or visit  
our website to download a copy of the registration  
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limited.

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