The Hancock County Fair Board takes this opportunity to invite everyone in the county to "YOUR FAIR". The success of the District Fair is made possible through your continued support and interest in our youth—the leaders of tomorrow. We welcome everyone who is interested in our youth exhibitors as well as the many commercial exhibitors. The Fair Board hopes town and rural people will attend the fair to see what our young people have been learning with their clothing, home furnishings, foods, livestock and other project areas throughout the year. In addition, the many commercial exhibitors welcome you to visit their displays during the District Fair. Randy Hiscocks, Fair Board President
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Commercial Exhibits
Maxine Kalkwarf
Show Veterinarian
Dr. Mike Zaugg

General Rules and Regulations
1. No one will be permitted to drive around the fair buildings except to unload. All vehicles must be parked in the lot south of the fair buildings or other designated areas. Livestock trailers are to be parked in the race track pit area. All cars and trucks must be moved to the parking lot after unloading. Bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles are to be parked near the entrance gate. Any decision as to soundness of any animal made by the official veterinarian and the judges shall be final.
2. No unauthorized livestock or other articles may deserve. A Grand and Reserve Grand exhibit will result in forfeiture of premium for that project and may affect eligibility to show at future fairs.
3. All animals must be exhibited in the class entered. All animals should be shown by the owner, if possible.
4. No animal will be awarded a premium unless brought properly into the show ring when its class is called. All livestock will be placed according to purple, blue, red, and white ribbon groups.
5. All stall and pens will be provided. Only hanging fans are to be used. Grooming chutes will not be allowed in buildings, except with Fair Board approval.
6. No animals shall be permitted around the food stands.
7. No animals (including dogs and cats) are allowed in the exhibit buildings.
8. A six foot (6') alleyway must be maintained in the cattle barn for safety purposes.
9. Exhibitors of animals found with drug or illegal drug residues will forfeit any and all premium on animal. The Fair Board reserves the right to deny the exhibitor from showing at a future Hancock County District Fair.
10. The judge may use his/her own discretion in awarding ribbons as the animals or articles may deserve. A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the purple ribbon group provided there are animals to merit the award.
11. Rules and regulations of the Fair Board and the 4-H program will govern any disputed points in all entries.
12. Each exhibitor must clean out his/her stall when the fair is completed. Clean-out must meet the approval of the superintendent of the division. The Fair Board may refuse to pay the premium to an exhibitor who does not stay and clean up his/her stall.
13. The Hancock County District Fair Rules Pre 4-H shows are open to all pre-school - 4th grade youth who reside in Hancock County or a county that is adjacent to Hancock County. See specific department for entry fee, class information, entry and release times.
14. Every judge is asked to read the Hancock County District Fair Rules and Special Rules of the Dept. he/she is to serve. Every judge shall report to the Superintendent any exhibitor or exhibitors who in any way, whether by person or agents, interferes with the judging or shows disrespect toward the judge. The superintendent may demand an apology from such exhibitor and the Fair Board may withhold any or all premiums.
15. Each judge and any person acting as clerk to the judge must use special care to see that the award is properly recorded.

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3. or Fair Schedule for specific entry times. No unauthorized livestock exhibits should be brought prior to the assigned time.
4. The Fair Board reserves the right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle all matters, questions & differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.
5. Under no circumstances will anyone or firm be allowed to place advertising matter upon buildings, fences or other places on the grounds, except with special permission of the Fair Board. Nor will anyone be permitted to distribute any advertising at any point outside the space assigned to them.
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13. Clean-out of stalls and pens is not to occur until after the Production Livestock Project Auction on Monday.
14. Manure must be deposited at the designated areas.
15. Exhibitors are allowed to stay at the fairgrounds overnight in campers in the designated camping area. Watchmen will be present during the night to oversee livestock barns.
16. Entry forms and other information will be available by March 1st.
17. No dogs are allowed off leash except during judging.
18. No entry fees will be refunded.
19. Late entries (after July 1) will be accepted after a late fee of $25 is collected per exhibitor.

Please view Health Requirements to comply with the state of Iowa District Fair health rules. A veterinarian will be on site to examine livestock exhibits as they are being unloaded or penned.

Pre 4-H Youth Cat & Pet Show
No Entry Fee
Not open to District Exhibitors
Check In Time: 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 26
Release Time: After Show

General Rules:
1. This class is for youth who have completed grades K-3rd.
2. Pets will not be housed at the fairgrounds; they will be judged and taken home.
3. Pre-entry is not required for the Pre 4-H Youth Cat & Pet show.
4. Exhibiting excitable small animals can be hazardous to the animal, unless care is given to have adequate water, ventilation, and food available while the animal is at the fair. The exhibitor is responsible for providing these items along with any special equipment. Please bring own cage/carrier.
5. Proof of rabies and other appropriate vaccinations must be provided at check-in. Bring certificates showing the latest vaccinations for both rabies and distemper.
6. Pregnant cats or cats nursing kittens are not to be shown.
7. All pets will be judged in one class on cleanliness, health, and exhibitor’s knowledge about their pet.
8. Limit of two entries.

Pre 4-H Youth Bucket/Bottle Calf
Entry Fee: $3.00 per entry
Check In Time: 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 22
Show: 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 24
Release time: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, July 26

1. The Open Class is for youth who are eligible for pre-school through 3rd grade.
2. Any newborn or orphan dairy or beef calf (steer or heifer) calved between March 1 and June 1 of the current year. Must be in possession of the participant within two weeks of birth.
3. Bucket/Bottle calves must enter the fair by July 1st by filling out a Livestock Entry form. A $25 late fee is charged after July 1st.
4. Calf must be bucket or bottle fed. No nursing permitted.
5. Any participant may identify two (2) animals, and exhibit one (1) at the county fair. The calf is not eligible to be sold at the Fair Auction. Eligible animals can be shown only in the Open Bucket/Bottle Calf Show—see Fair Schedule for date and time.
6. Calves will be shown at halter. Calves may be divided into classes depending on number of entries at discretion of superintendents.
7. Judging will be based on:
   a. What the member has learned about the care and raising of the calf.
   b. The fitting and showing of the calf (only washing and brushing, no clipping) with emphasis on what exhibitor has learned.
   c. General health, conditions and management of the calf and 4-H’ers knowledge of this area.
   d. Conformation or quality of the calf will not be considered since purchase should not be on that basis.

8. See Health requirements in 2015 Health Requirements document.
9. Third grade (3rd) participants may keep animals for dairy or market beef 4-H project the following year. Returning bucket calves must be weighed and tagged as a market beef for the next year’s fair.

Pre 4-H Youth Feeder Calf
Entry Fee: $3.00 per entry
Check In Time: 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 22
Show: 8:30 a.m., Friday, July 24
Release time: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, July 26

1. The Open Feeder Calf Class is for youth who are eligible for pre-school through 3rd grade.
2. Any newborn beef calf (steer or heifer) calved between January 1 and June 1 of the current year. Must be in possession of the participant within two weeks of birth.
3. Feeder Calves must enter the fair by July 1st by filling out a Livestock Entry form. A $25 late fee is charged after July 1st.
4. Animals must be nursed.
5. Any participant may identify two (2) animals, and exhibit one (1) at the county fair. The calf is not eligible to be sold at the Fair Auction. Eligible animals can be shown only in the Open Feeder Calf class during the Market Beef Show—see Fair Schedule.
6. Calves will be shown at halter. Calves may be divided into classes depending on number of entries at discretion of superintendents.
7. Judging will be based on conformation or quality of the calf.
8. See Health requirements in 2015 Health Requirements document.
9. Participants may keep animals for breeding or market beef project the following year. Returning market calves must be weighed and tagged as a market beef for the next year’s fair.