Just a Note:

We are just one month away from the start of the Hancock County District Fair! We hope your summer is going well & that you’re getting all of your fair projects ready to go.

Be sure to check this issue of the newsletter to make sure you are doing everything needed to prepare for fair.

- You MUST make sure to enter your animal or exhibit in a fair class for both county fair & State Fair by July 1st! Entry forms are available at the Extension Office or online, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty_districtfair

- Save the Date to attend Fair Set-Up day, July 18th, to help put the finishing touches on the fairground facilities & make sure everything looks great for this year’s festivities.

- The 2015 Hancock County District Fair will take place July 21-27 with a lot of fun activities & opportunities being offered everyday. To make sure you don’t miss anything, take a close look at this year’s fair schedule: http://hancockcountyfair.com/schedule.html

- Don’t forget about our fun Summer Exploration Events that are being offered both in Britt and Garner for all ages. More information is available at the Extension Office or online, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/summer2015

- State Fair will take place from August 13—23. If you have exhibits that get selected for the State Fair, please give them to Victoria by Monday, August 10th.

- Fall will be here soon. Be sure to check out joining a FLL or FTC club and put 4-H week on your calendar for October 4th-10th.

We’re very excited for everything this summer has to offer, and we look forward to seeing you at the Summer Exploration Events, Hancock County District Fair, and fall programs!

All the best,

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4-H CALENDAR

July 1  All County and State Fair Entry Forms Due
July 7  Day as a Doctor for K-1st grade  Hancock Co. Memorial Hospital  8:00 am—3:00 pm
July 9  Day as a Doctor for 2nd-5th grade  Hancock Co. Memorial Hospital  8:00 am—3:00 pm
July 10  Speak It! Communication Tour  North IA Broadcasting/KIMT  9:00 am—1:30 pm
July 13  Clothing Event Judging Day  Garner Ed Center  9:00 am—4:00 pm
July 15  Clover Kids Day on the Farm  Local Hancock Co. Farms  1:30 pm—5:00 pm
July 15  Managing Caregiver Stress Program  Westview Care Center-Britt  4:00 pm—5:00 pm
July 17  Concord Care 4-H Fair  Concord Care Center  2:00 pm—3:30 pm
July 18  Fair Set-Up Day  Hancock Co. Fairgrounds  8:00 am—12:00 pm

July 21-27  Hancock County District Fair
July 21  Non-Livestock Exhibit Judging  Exhibit Building  8:30 am—3:30 pm
July 22  Livestock Check-In Begins  (see fair schedule for specific times)
July 23  Educational Presentations  Home Ec. Building  8:30 am
July 23  4-H Garden & Crop Check-in  SMA Building  11:00 am—12:30 pm
July 23  Share-the-Fun  Free Stage  4:30 pm
July 25  4-H Style Show  Free Stage  3:30 pm
July 26  4-H Working Exhibits  Exhibits Building  1:00 pm
July 27  Exhibitors Breakfast  Home Ec Building  7:00 am
July 30  Fizz! Bubble! Goo!  Garner Ed Center  12:30 pm—3:30 pm
August 4-5  First Lego League 101  Garner Ed Center  12:30 pm—4:30 pm

August 13-23  Iowa State Fair
August 18-20  Advanced FLL Camp  Garner Ed Center  6:00 pm—8:30 pm

4-H/FFA Livestock Fair Schedule Changes

This year there are some changes for livestock check-in times and class information.

**Beef**
- Check in is 7-9 am on Wednesday, July 22nd.
- A market dairy steer class has been added.
- Market beef sold at auction will be delivered to Waverly sale barn Monday evening to sell on Tuesday auction.
- Feeder calves must be born between Jan. 1st & May 15th, and identified by May 15th.

**Bucket Bottle**
- Check in is 7 am—7 pm on Wed. July 22nd.
- Must be born between March 1st & June 1st, and identified by June 15th.

**Horse**
- Check in is 5-7 pm on Wednesday July 22nd.
- Jumping Figure 8 class has been added to Thursday gaming classes.

**Poultry**
- No poultry will be allowed at the fair this year.
- There are alternative ways of showcasing your poultry. (*alternatives found in “Poultry Changes” article)

**Rabbit**
- Check in is 7-10 am on Wed. July 22nd.

**Swine**
- A breeding gilt class has been added.

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE
More than 6 million young people across the United States will be celebrating National 4-H Week during the week of October 4-12. Hancock County Extension will be kicking off National 4-H week with a 4-K run (or walk) and open house. More details to come, but mark your calendars for the 4-H 4-K (2.5 miles) on Sunday, October 4 at 2:30 pm. After the race, there will be an open house featuring our community clubs and family fun activities.

Community clubs are encouraged to be thinking of ways to promote their club during this open house. A club could possibly lead others in a game, craft, or ice-breaker or showcase their club activities via display or closed-loop PowerPoint presentations. More guidance to come, but start your brainstorming now on ways we can promote 4-H in Hancock County.

Alumni—we are seeking pictures from your days as a 4-H’er to be showcased during our National 4-H week open house on October 4. We also want to build our repository of Hancock County 4-H photos for our 100-year anniversary in 2018.

If you have any photos from your years as a 4-Her please scan or drop-off photos to our office, or email them to vschmidt@iastate.edu. We appreciate your help.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HANCOCK/4H
Did You Know . . .

Consequences of Underage Drinking

- School problems
- Social problems
- Legal problems
- Higher risk for suicide and homicide.
- Abuse of other drugs
- Changes in brain development
- Death from alcohol poisoning.

Social Host Law

A “Social Host Violation” is a owner or leaser who has control over a property, who knowingly permits a person to consume or possess any alcohol on the property

- 1st Offence—a simple misdemeanor, $200 fine
- 2nd offense—a simple misdemeanor, $500 fine
- Charges for Social Host and Minor Consumption will now be criminal charges.

24% Reported riding in a car driven by someone who had been drinking.

In 2011 ONE IN THREE traffic deaths involved alcohol.

8% of high school students reported driving a car one or more times when they have been drinking.

OWI will cost an offender nearly $9,000
MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

SHOWING YOUR PROJECTS

County Fair & State Fair Entry Process

Fill out fair entry forms for any fair classes you wish to enter by July 1st. (These are in addition to the Identification Forms that were turned in on May 15/June 15 for all livestock and pets).

LIVESTOCK ENTRY PROCESS:

Hancock County District Fair
- Get an entry form from your club leader, the website, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/hancockcounty_districtfair, or the Extension Office.
- Check the fairbook for the class number you will need for your entry form.
- Completely fill out the entry form including the stalling information.
- Check the fairbook for class entry fees as well as bedding fees, if applicable. Remember: All beef exhibits can purchase bedding at the fairgrounds or provide their own.
- Checks should be written to Hancock County Ag Society.
- Turn in forms to Hancock County Extension Office no later than July 1st.

Iowa State Fair
- To enter your livestock in the State Fair online, visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock

STATIC EXHIBITS ENTRY PROCESS:

Hancock County (non-livestock)
- Get an entry form and exhibit tag from your club leader or the Extension Office.
- You can enter no more than 4 exhibits in each class with a max of 14 classes (not including communication, Clothing Event, or Horticulture classes).
- Any joint communication classes should list who you are working with.
- There is no entry fee, but there are paybacks based on ribbon color and type of entry.
- Turn in forms to Hancock County Extension Office no later than July 1st.

Iowa State Fair Static Exhibits (non-livestock)
- These entries MUST be selected from county fair judging.
- They are entered into the Iowa State Fair by the Extension Office.
- All Hancock County District Fair and Iowa State Fair entries are due July 1st.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXTENSION FAMILY PROGRAMS

Managing Caregiver Stress

Family caregiving takes many forms. You may help an older adult with transportation, housekeeping, personal care, emotional support, medical decisions, financial concerns or legal issues. Whether you provide care at home or are responsible for someone in a care facility, you still face many challenges.

If you take good care of yourself, you will be better prepared to take good care of the person you provide care for. It’s important that you thrive, not just survive. An important tool for thriving is being able to recognize and manage stress. ISU Extension and Outreach of Hancock County will be providing tools that will help you to manage the daily stresses and challenges you face as caregivers in an upcoming class called Managing Caregiver Stress.

Managing Caregiver Stress is a free one-hour educational program that will be held on Wednesday, July 15, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Westview Care Center small dining room in Britt, IA. No registration required. Class is open to all caregivers regardless of where the care recipient lives.

Additional programs on caregiving are being scheduled throughout Hancock County. If you would like to stay informed on future caregiver programming or have questions about the Managing Caregiver Stress course, please contact Amanda Fritz, ISUEO Program Coordinator, at 641-923-2856 or afritz@iastate.edu.
**FIRST TECH CHALLENGE PROGRAM**

**FTC Wants YOU to Join Their Team!**

First Tech Challenge (FTC) is an exciting, intense program that engages high school students in designing, building and programming robots. FTC originated from FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). FTC teams are responsible for designing, building and programming robots to compete in an alliance with a team against 2 other aligned teams. Teams are required to develop a strategy, they compete head to head, using a sports model, to gain points to advance to different levels of tournament play. FTC is more than a Robotics program. It is a community focused on building a better world by engaging students in STEM!

“FTC is about teaching students the value of hard work, innovation and creativity. It goes beyond competition by teaching teenagers the importance of working together, sharing ideas and treating each other with respect and dignity.” (www.usfirst.org) This past year our team The Blockheads had an amazing year and competed at Regionals in Waterloo from there they advanced on to State in Coralville. The Blockhead team in Garner is looking at getting the new season started and looking for new members. . The team will meet a few times this summer and will meet 2 nights a week starting mid-September. Please call or text Andrew Dornbier 641-430-2539 or Michelle Dornbier 641-425-0381 for more information or to express interest in joining the team.

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**FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CAMP**

**FLL Camps Available**

**FLL Camp will be available August 4 & 5, 18, 20**

Calling all FLL team members. Have you gone to FLL practice wished you knew how to program the robot? Or you feel lost because the older kids know so much more? We are having a class, August 4 & 5 at 12:30-4:30 for new or 1-2 year team members, where you can learn all the basics. Practice building robots with fun attachments, work on sensors and much more. You will have firsthand experience with the EV3 robot and learn how the teams program the missions. We will also be providing an advanced camp, August 18-20 at 6:30-8:00, for First LEGO Leaguers who want to learn more about how to do those fool proof missions. Learn how to utilize the sensors and gears to get the most points. Call Nikki at the Extension Office to see what class best fits your child’s needs or if you’re interested in helping to coach this program.

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**4-H PLEDGE**

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
New Activities and Information:

**VEGGIE 500 RACE**

Mom always warned you not to play with your veggies, but in this case, the advice goes right out the window. ISU Extension and Outreach is pleased to host the inaugural Veggie 500 at the Hancock County District Fair on Saturday, July 15.

A limited number of axles, wheels, and zucchinis will be available for children aged 5-15 years who wish to create veggie racers on site on a first-come basis starting at 11 am at the East Ag Stage. Registrants will decorate and construct their racer from available supplies. Veggie Racers will line up at 11:45 for judging based on decoration.

Races will begin at 12:00 pm. The “fast food” will race down the ramp in heats until a winner is determined. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest zucchini and best decorated zucchinis. Join us for the greatest spectacle in vegetable racing!

**BEEF CHECK-OFF**

The Beef Checkoff Program is mandatory and requires that any time there is a change of ownership of a bovine animal, $1-per-head must be remitted to the Iowa Beef Industry Council. This will come out of your auction check. The beef checkoff applies to ALL bovine animals, including but not limited to, breeding stock, dairy animals and club calves (including new 4-H projects). These dollars fund the “Beef—It’s What’s For Dinner” promotions.

If you have any additional questions or would like more information about the Beef Checkoff Program, please contact the Iowa Beef Industry Council at 515-296-2305, beef@iabeef.org, or at www.iabeef.org

**POULTRY CHANGES**

Even though no poultry will be allowed at the fair this year, there are still alternatives for you to showcase your birds.

All 4-H/FFA members, district and county, are encouraged to decorate the building they’re raising their poultry in. Bring photos, make displays, be creative!

The alternative to judging the live birds is a Poultry Record Competition. We will award a Champion & Reserve Champion in a Jr. and Intermediate/Sr. category based on the records that are given for the judge to review & the face-to-face interview completed with the judge. Premiums will still be given based on receiving ribbon color for this report.

The report to fill out can be found on the Extension of Fair Websites. Intent to participate is due July 1st, and the reports are due at the start of the fair.

**FOOD STAND VOLUNTEERS**

We need your help for the 2015 4-H Blue Ribbon Food Stand. Please sign up for a worker shift and to bring 12 individually wrapped scotch-a-roos. Profits from the 4-H Blue Ribbon Food stand enable county-wide programming for Hancock County Youth, and help provide scholarships for kids who need assistance to be able to attend camps, workshops, trips, and tours at both the county and state level.

Sign-up slots are available on our website: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty_districtfair

Click “Sign up here to help with the 4-H Blue Ribbon Food Stand” to select a time to volunteer.

**FAIR FOR CARE CENTER RESIDENTS**

We will be bringing the fair to residents at Prairie View and Concord Care Center. From 1:30-2:30 pm on Friday, July 17th 4-Hers are encouraged to bring their exhibits to Prairie View Care Center in Garner. Then from 3:00-4:00 pm we will be showcasing these projects for the residents of Concord Care Center in Garner.

We’ll gladly show off talent (singing, dancing, skits, etc.) or static exhibits (photography, baked goods, woodworking, visual arts, etc.), robots, or even small livestock critters (dog, cats, rabbits). Please let us know if you are able to join us and what you would like to show the residents.

**5 GALLON BUCKETS AVAILABLE**

Ryan Poncin has a large amount of 5 gallon buckets that he is trying to get rid of. He is offering them for free to whoever needs buckets. We ask that you contact him by July 20th to give him the number of buckets you want and he will have them delivered to the fairgrounds during the fair to be picked up.

Please contact Ryan before July 20th at 515-293-0562.
Schedule and entry information available at: www.hancockcountyfair.com

July 18 is fair set-up day.
July 21 is static exhibit judging day.

Keep current on fair updates:

www.facebook.com/HancockCounty4H