4-H Calendar

Meet weekly
Britt & Garner After School Kids Club (Monday - GH, Tuesday - WH)

March 6 & 7
FTC State Tournament Coralville

March 13
Britt Broncos mtg The Edge

March 16
Britt Clover Kids Britt Elementary

March 16
Fix It! Automotive Workshop Olsen Repair, Hwy 69, Garner

March 21
Garner Clover Kids Extension Office

March 21
Orthel Jolly Workers mtg. Fort Dodge Laser Tag

March 22
County 4-H Council mtg. TBA

March 22
Officer Training Extension Office

March 30
FSQA Training Extension Office

April 4
Orthel Jolly Workers mtg. TBA

April 4-11
Swine Weigh-In Around County All week

April 12
Britt Broncos mtg. Britt Municipal Building

April 18
Garner Clover Kids Extension Office

April 19
Donkey Ball WH High School

April 20
Britt Clover Kids WH Elementary

April 21
Act It! Theater Workshop Waldorf College

April 24-25
IT Olympics - state competition Des Moines All Day

April 26
Goat Workshop Nannenga home - Klemme

May 2
Sheep & Meat goat weigh in Fairgrounds

May 5
FSQA Training Britt Municipal Building

May 15
Animal identification due ONLINE

July 1
Fair Entries due Hancock County District Fair

July 21-27

Hancock County District Fair

FSQA REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING DATES

ALL 4-H (4th-12th grade) exhibitors who plan to show beef (including bucket/bottle calf), sheep, swine, dairy, rabbit, poultry, or goats at County or State Fair MUST be FSQA certified. Two trainings are being offered this spring in Hancock.

Senior 4-Hers (Grades 10-12th currently): Can attend annual training or test once for duration of Senior level.

FSQA is very important to ensure that the products 4-Hers produce are safe for food consumption. FSQA certification reassures packers that 4-H animals are safe to purchase. It only takes one person to not follow the rules and cause big problems for 4-H livestock shows. FSQA training is very important to ensure that you know the rules. Anyone eligible to take the test can visit the office. Log in to 4-H Online to see when your certification expires.

Must be certified by July 31st.

Our Vision
A world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change.

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**High School Robotics on to State**

The **BLOCK HEADS** - Advance to State Competition

This is the second year Hancock 4-H has had a FIRST Tech Challenge high school 4-H team. Team members are: Harry Roberts, Andrew Dornbier, Petyon Statlander, McKinley Hawe, & Jake Folkers. FTC requires teams to be responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams.

The challenge is different every year and for this year it was called “The Cascade Effect” where teams need to put balls in designated tubes and move the tubes to the top of the ramp. The top scoring teams advance to the final matches to see who the winning alliance will be out of the teams competing. Teams also need to keep track of their progress in an engineering notebook. The FTC 4-H Club, The Block Heads, went to Waterloo, Dysart and Denver to compete in meets and to Humboldt for a qualifying tournament.

FTC have been busy traveling to the State Capital to help thank our representatives for the Scale-Up Grant, and locally to Garner Rotary. Not to mention gathering information for a Team Notebook, putting finishing touches on their programming and robot and helping out neighboring teams. The kids and the parents work very hard to get to the level they are at. Huge thanks to the coaches and mentors: Phil & Michelle Dombier and Cory Burrs.

They finished top overall and were awarded the Inspire Award. Team member Andrew Dornbier was also honored by qualifying for the FIRST Deans List Award. The Block Heads will advance to the Championship Tournament in Coralville March 6 & 7th. Our first year team consists of Ben Waddingham, Kyle Hansen, Laurel Woody and Connor Kiss, with mentor and leader Shelley Witting. When asked about what they enjoy about he group, Laurel Woody says, “I like to work with Photoshop to create fun designs and knowing that the work my team does will make a difference for our project.” At weekly meetings they determined they wanted to focus on robotics.

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**LEARN TO CHANGE A TIRE, CHECK YOUR OIL, & MORE**

**Fix It! Automotive Workshop**

**March 16, 2015**

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Held at Olsen Repair**

635 Hwy 69, Garner

No registration fee.

Open to grades 4th-12th. We will learn how to change a tire, check your oil, watch car gauges, and read a diagnostic computer. Please sign up by emailing Victoria at vschmidt@iastate.edu or calling the Extension Office at 642-923-2856.

**Theater Workshop @ Waldorf College**

**Act It! Theater Workshop - April 21st**

**Who:** 4th - 12th graders

**When:** Tuesday, April 21

**Where:** Waldorf College, Forest City

(Carpool available)

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Food:** Pizza

Participants will meet college theater students, tour the Waldorf theater facilities, play acting games, learn about the sound and tech behind the scenes, and see costume make-up applied.

To sign up please contact Victoria at 641-923-2856 or vschmidt@iastate.edu.

**Hands on Stem Through 4-H**

**IT Adventures - Technology at Work**

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**4-H Pledge**

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FIRST LEGO LEAGUE - State Competition

The end of the FIRST LEGO League season ended on a high note in Ames on January 17th. Teams FIRE, ICE and Flip the Switch all competed in the State Competition. The teams 4 months of hard work all came together in one high energy tournament. Teams are evaluated based on the missions, what the robot is programmed to do, project presentation, their solution to the assigned challenge, technical, programming and structure of the robot; and core values, how they work together and with other teams. At the end of the day at the closing ceremonies, FIRE won first place for Gracious Professionalism.

Gracious Professionalism is part of the ethos of FIRST. It’s a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process. Knowledge, competition, and empathy are all comfortably blended. Gracious Professionalism is part of pursuing a meaningful life where you enjoy the satisfaction of knowing one has acted consciously Professionalism is part of the ethos of FIRST. It’s a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process. Knowledge, competition, and empathy are all comfortably blended. Gracious Professionalism is part of pursuing a meaningful life where you enjoy the satisfaction of knowing one has acted consciously.

Our Jr FLL team Brick Builders also participated and earned the Inquiring Minds award. Their team made up of ages 6-8 are Avery Williams, Nikiah Baxter, Blake Buitenwerf, Kadyun Banse, Luke Johnston and Eli Johnston, coaches are Amanda and Eric Williams.

Team Ice and Team Flip the Switch also represented Hancock County Extension and Outreach at the state tournament. Huge thanks the coaches and members for their hard work; we are proud of all your accomplishments this season.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL CAMPAIGN
4-H’ers for 4-H

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Iowa 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign. The state 4-H council has set the goal at $30,030.30 with a suggested $3.00 per member donation to coincide with their 30th Anniversary theme. Your investments contribute to:

• Improving the Iowa 4-H Center with new equipment to enhance campers’ experiences.

The top contributing counties and regions will be formally recognized at the 2015 State 4-H Youth Conference in June.

Clubs interested in participating should contact the Extension Office about your donation. The campaign runs March 1st - June 30th. The State 4-H Council appreciates everyone’s commitment to help “make the best better” for all Iowa 4-H’ers.

Most Dollars Per Member - 2014 Winner
1st-Wright County - $8.54
2nd-Sac County - $5.10
3rd-Worth County - $4.70

HELP THE HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR
Donkey Ball, hosted by Britt FFA - April 19

All proceeds support Hancock County Fair. Concession stand open. Get tickets from select local banks, West Hancock school, FFA members, the Extension Office, or at the door.

Come watch FFA members, 4-H members, and Fairboard play donkey ball. There will also be a kiss the donkey contest. To nominate someone for the contest please contact Mr. Hauge or Victoria. At intermission there will be donkey rides and pictures for little kids.

When: Sunday, April 19th
Time: 2:00pm
Where: Britt High School
Admission: $6 in advance, $8 at the door (preschool free)

DEADLINES AND PAPERWORK - CLARIFIED

Critter Check-list for fair exhibition

There is a reason for everything, even some of the strange requirements we have to be able to show your critter at the fair. All deadlines and paperwork are defined and explained right here.

Animals you wish to exhibit at fair must be identified and entered in the fair class - two separate things. Identifying your animal means that your animal is a 4-H project. You are taking care of it and preparing to show that animal. Identifying animals makes them eligible to show at fair but does not enter them in any fair classes. The identification deadline on most critters is May 15th. There are a few exceptions: market cattle is Feb. 1st because they take longer to grow, poultry, pets, bucket bottle calf, and rabbits is June 15th because they might not be born yet on May 15th.

You must also make an entry for a class at fair. The fairbook will be available March 1st to help you pick which class you need to enter. Class entries can be based on age of your animal, weight of your animal, your age, your expertise, or your animals expertise depending on the type of animal you are showing. All fair entries should be made prior to July 1st. After July 1st late county fair entries are subject to a $25 fee.

Any critters that you are thinking about showing at the Iowa State Fair MUST complete the ID process and the entry process through 4-H online.

County fair entries are encouraged to identify animals through 4-H online, fair entries are accepted as paper copies into the Hancock County Extension Office.

For step-by-step instructions on how to identify your critters online visit this website, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/news/4-h-online-manage-everything-4-h

ID Deadlines:
Market Beef (also weighed-in): Feb. 1st
Derby Swine (also weighed-in): April 4-11
Breeding Beef, Market Swine, Sheep, Goats, Dairy Cattle, Horse & Dog: May 15th
Poultry, Rabbits, Bucket Bottle Calves, Cats, & Pets: June 15th
Fair Entry deadline: July 1st

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

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
HORSE
This cold weather keeps humans indoors and horses fuzzy, but in less than 60 days hair will be flying off critters and it will be warm enough to get outside and get busy with those horses.

Horse workouts will start in late April or early May on Tuesday evenings at the fairgrounds. You will get a chance to take your horse and practice showing for fair or just take yourself to watch and learn. Parents and interested 4-Hers who don’t own a horse are welcome to watch and learn from those horses.

Questions?
Crystal, 641-843-8214, cndrake@wctatel.net
Laure, 641-860-0140, lpprh@aol.com

What to bring:
- Horse and all Tack
- Helmet, jeans, boots with heel

GOATS
A goat workshop will take place Sunday, April 26th from 2:30pm at Ana Nannenga’s house, Klemme. Topics to be discussed: Showmanship, prep for shows, feeding goats, when & where to get a goat. Please sign up by April 22nd by contacting Victoria at 641-923-2856 or vschmidt@iastate.edu.

Fair Classes
We’ve made a few updates to the goat classes at the fair because the show is growing so quickly. Divisions will be:
- Market Meat goat
- Breeding meat goat
- Fancy goat

The Bucket Bottle Calf show is very popular at the Hancock County District Fair. 4-Hers 4th-8th grade can compete. The fairboard sponsors identical classes for preschool - 3rd. Here is a reminder of the rules:
- Calves must be born between March 1 - June 1 (this has been expanded from previous years)
- Exhibitor must take possession of the calf within 2 weeks
- Calves must be tagged and identified by June 15th (this is moved back from previous years)
- Calves must be bucket or bottle fed, no nursing
- Calves will be shown at halter
- Judging will be based on knowledge of exhibitor and health of calf

State Fair swine need a DNA punch ear tag. These tags cost $8 each and must be purchased at the Extension Office. Mr. Hauge and Mr. Baumgard will tag State Fair pigs when they are on farm to weigh county animals.

SWINE
All county animals must be tagged, but county fair swine only need to be weighed if they are showing in the Derby Swine classes. The County swine weigh-in will be the week of April 4-11th. Contact Mr. Hauge or Mr. Baumgard if you need to have pigs weighed during that week.

More information will be sent to 4-Hers enrolled in the Swine project area. Questions? Call Victoria 641-923-2856.

BUCKET BOTTLE CALF

Do you want to:
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- Share ideas with other leaders?
- Find out how to inspire people and move organizations forward?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, then join ISU Extension and Outreach for the Hancock County Leadership workshop on March 19 and 26, 2015. Cost is $75 and includes lunch and the Myers-Briggs Survey. Space is limited—please call ISU Extension and Outreach at 641-923-2856 by March 9 to reserve your spot today.

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