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4-H Family
Newsletter

May - June 2015

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Just a Note:

We are 88 days and counting until the start of the Hancock County District Fair and 20 days away from the end of the school year. Summer will be here soon! What are your summer plans? Be sure to check this issue of the newsletter to make sure you are doing everything needed to prepare for fair.

- You MUST remember the May 15th livestock identification deadline (June 15th for poultry, rabbits, and pets). This process must be online to be eligible for 4-H shows outside of the county. County only exhibitors can turn in paper copies to the Extension Office.
- You must also enter your animal or exhibit in a fair class 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 an Achievement show either June 25th or June 27th. You’ll get the opportunity to ask real 4-H judges how to make your exhibit better and learn what to expect in the judging process.
- Please help spruce up the fairgrounds on either June 13th or June 20th. The fair is put on for all the best, Start planning your summer with us! We look forward to learning and exploring with you.

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Congratulations Andrew Dornbier for being a Finalist for the Dean’s List Award at the FIRST World Championship!

4-H Calendar

May 2
Sheep & Meat goat weigh in
Fairgrounds 9:00-10:30 am
May 5
FSQA Training
Britt Municipal Building 6:00-8:30 pm
May 11
Livestock ID Help Session
Britt Library 5:00-6:30 pm
May 11
Elcon Indians mtg.
Garner Ed Center 7:00 pm
May 12
Livestock ID Help Session
Extension Office 5:00-6:30 pm
May 15
Animal identification due ONLINE
May 25
Britt Broncos mtg.
Fairgrounds 4:00 pm
May 30
Orthel Jolly Workers mtg.
Fairgrounds ??
June 2
Piano Guts Workshop
Dewey Kruger Music, Northwood 1:30-4:30 pm
June 3
Ag Museum Tour
Fairgrounds 2:30 - 5:00 pm
June 4
Poultry Workshop
Fairgrounds 6:00 - 7:00 pm
June 4 & 5
Garner Robotics Camp
Garner Ed Center 12:30 - 3:30 pm
June 9
T-Shirt Graphics Workshop
Gifts Sew Sweet, Britt 2:00 - 4:00 pm
June 11
Weld It! Workshop
GIV High School Shop 6:00 - 7:30 pm
June 11 & 12
Britt Robotics Camp
Britt Public Library 12:30 - 3:30 pm
June 14-15
Jr. 4-H Camp
Crystal Lake Park overnight
June 13
Hancock County Fair Spruce Up
Fairgrounds 8:00 am - noon
June 16
T-Shirt Upcycle Workshop
Britt Public Library 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
June 18
Wire It! Electrical Workshop
Hunt’s Electric, Britt 6:00 - 8:30 pm
June 20
Hancock County Fair Spruce up Fairgrounds 8:00 am - noon
June 23
Knit It! Workshop
Garner Ed Center 2:30 - 4:00 pm
June 25
Achievement Show
Garner Ed Center 1:00 - 6:00 pm
June 27
Britt Broncos mtg.
Britt Municipal building 9:00 - 9:30 am
June 27
Achievement show
Britt Municipal building 9:30-11:30 am
July 1
Fair Entries due
July 21-27
Hancock County District Fair
Iowa State Fair
August 13-23
Iowa State Fair

Help Protect Fair Exhibits

Adult Fair Volunteers Needed

As the fair approaches we need your help. Each year adults volunteer to be night watchman and exhibit building hosts. Night watchman are responsible for watching over livestock all safely in their pens and no harm or foul play is happening in the livestock areas. Exhibit building hosts are responsible for watching over photos, baked goods, posters, and other static exhibits that are in the SMA building at the fair. These volunteers also assist if someone is looking for a specific exhibit in the building. If you are interested in being a volunteer for either of these responsibilities or if you know someone who is interested please call Rachel at the Extension Office at 641-923-2856.

Our Vision

A World in Which Youth and Adults Learn, Grow, and Work Together as Catalysts for Positive Change
Meet Rachel Francis

Our summer assistant for this year will be Rachel Francis. Rachel is the daughter of Paul and Gina Francis, and a 2014 graduate of West Hancock High School. She is just finishing her first year at Iowa State University, majoring in Communication Studies. Rachel was an active member of 4-H for 7 years throughout which she was involved in swine, photography, and 4-H. In high school she was involved in volleyball, cheerleading, Student Council, National Honor Society, 4-H, drama, speech, band, and was a Sunday school teacher. During the 2014 Hancock County District Fair she served as the Hancock County Fair Queen and had the opportunity to attend the 2014 Queen's Week at the Iowa State Fair.

HANCOCK COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT SHOW

Learn What 4-H Judges Look For (Non-livestock)

A lot of 4-H is about creativity. When you walk through the exhibit building at the County Fair so many neat projects have gotten blue and even purple ribbons. How did those 4-Hers know what to take to fair and how to get a blue ribbon? They attended an Achievement Show.

The Achievement Show is designed for you to have a sneak peak at what the judge will be looking for and how to enter your exhibit. What class do you need to enter your exhibit in? What do you need to write on your goal sheet? How do you sign up for fair? ALL 4th-6th grade 4-Hers wanting to exhibit non-livestock projects at fair are required to take at least one exhibit at Achievement Show prior to fair. This rule helps 4-Hers to be prepared and successful when it is time for judging at county fair.

LIVESTOCK ENTRY PROCESS:

- 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

- This process MUST be in 4-H Online.
- Directions are at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock
- Go into 4-H online BEFORE July 1st and complete your entries. The system will be very busy July 1 and will probably run slowly and be bogged down.
- Checks payable to “Iowa State Fair” and should be taken to the Extension Office with an entry invoice by July 1.

FAIR SPRUCE UP

Help prepare the fairgrounds for your fair. All 4-Hers are strongly urged to attend at least one fair prep day. Your club will receive credit towards the Golden Clover award for your attendance.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HANCOCK/4H

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- Healthy Nutrition award - Food item that exemplifies excellent nutrition as decided by the judges.
- Specialty Modified Diet award - Exhibit (either food item or poster/binder/display) that shows excellent use of meeting special diet requirements. Example: Gluten free cookies.
- Most compassionate or effective communication award - Non-food item, likely a poster, display, or other written or visual way of showing information, that demonstrates compassion or effective communication around the topic of eating healthy.
PET SHOW
Do you have a fish, cat, hamster, snake, bird? On Saturday July 25th, during fair, a pet show will be held in the shelter house at 1:00 p.m.
4-H members need to identify pets by June 30th and enter the pet show fair class by July 1st. Any K-3rd grader is not required to fill out any paperwork, just bring your pet on Saturday, July 25th and be prepared to show.

Forms can be found online at www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/ or at the Hancock Extension Office.

Any animal that you consider a pet (except turtles) can show in the pet show. Just be sure to remember the following rules:
- Must provide proof of rabies vaccination. (For animals that get this vaccine.)
- Animals cannot be shown in other fair classes. (Ex: Rabbits can show in the rabbit show or classes.)
- Just one dog can be shown in the dog show or classes. (Ex: The dog of a 4-H member.

POLLUTRY
The Market Broiler Class is a special opportunity to raise chickens to exhibit at the county fair. All chicks in the class are born the same day. 4-Hers take ownership of their chicks on June 4th. Exhibits are judged in pens of three and evaluated on uniformity, merit, and rate of gain.

A poultry workshop about identifying gender and breeds, showmanship, and how to prepare for showmanship is Thursday, June 4th from 6-7pm at the fairgrounds.

COMMUNICATION
Show kids how to make a fun craft = Working Exhibit. Give a presentation about an area that you are an expert about = Educational Presentation. Do a skit, sing a song, dance, or another crazy talent = Share-The-Fun (really fun to do as a club). These are defined as “Communication Events”.

HORSE
Horse workouts will start Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30pm at the fairgrounds. The group will continue to meet weekly until fair. Bring your horse to learn and practice what you will be showing at fair. Parents encouraged to stay. Interested 4-Hers who don’t own a horse are welcome to meet weekly until fair. Bring your horse to learn and practice what you will be showing at fair.

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

Questions?
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Projects Area Updates

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING REMINDERS
As you purchase new livestock projects or as they are born on your farm, remember that it is your responsibility to keep records of where the animals came from. This is for the County of Origin Labeling Requirements.

This system is designed to allow animal-by-products to be quickly and easily tracked if there was ever something unsafe for human consumption that showed up and needed to be quickly eliminated. Find more information about these requirements at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/files/agriculture/4H231.pdf

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

Horse to learn and practice what you will be showing at fair.

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