



Hancock County

4-H FAMILY Newsletter



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Just a Note:

Wow! We are looking forward to an awesome summer with you! We are very excited to be releasing our 2019 Summer Exploration brochure to you inside! There is something for all ages and all interests. Again this year we have a few career explorations Day as a Doctor, and Explore It Dentist. Come make fair exhibits with us, including dish towel cross stitch, wire sculptures, jewelry, welding a boot rack, a wooden magazine rack, foil art, and a ready to plant 3 tier flower planter. Explore Art in the Park with us or attend our week long summer arts camp. New to our lineup this year music and yoga in the park! Or maybe touring the Twins Stadium and Como Zoo sounds exciting to you. Of course we can't forget the hugely popular robotics camps, available for different ages and knowledge levels. Be sure to take a good look at the enclosed Summer Explorations brochure to see what is available for your 4-Her or Clover Kid. Sign up for the fun right away.

Summer Explorations is only a small part of the fun we are looking forward to having with your kids this summer. The Hancock County District Fair is also a big highlight each year. We know you have been busy making projects at workshops in your clubs and we look forward to seeing those as exhibits at the fair. Also, make sure all fair exhibitors are aware that all fair entries MUST be done via FairEntry, our online entry system. FairEntry will be open on May 16th at <https://hancockdf.fairentry.com> to begin the entry process. You can sign up and pay for your fair classes in your pjs on your couch at your house! We are here to help you with the entry process. We are available by phone at 641-923-2856 and we welcome you to stop by the office from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday.

We are very glad to be able to serve all the wonderful families of Hancock County. Thanks for being a part of Hancock County 4-H and Clover Kids so we can learn and make memories with your families. Start planning your summer with us! We look forward to learning and exploring with you.

All the best,
Hancock County Extension Staff



4-H CALENDAR



May 1	Last Cool Kids Club mtg	GHV Elementary	3:30 - 5:00 PM
May 9	Dog Obedience Kick Off	Britt Public Library	6:00 - 7:00 PM
May 13	Horse Workouts Start	Fairgrounds - Horse Arena	7:00 PM
May 15	Animal identification due	ONLINE	11:59 PM
May 18	Theater Arts club production	GHV Middle School Auditorium	TBD
May 20	Orthel Jolly Workers club meeting	Extension Office	7:00 PM
May 25	Britt Broncos club meeting	Finding Freedom Humane	10:00 AM
May 23	Horse Workouts	Fairgrounds - Horse Arena	7:00 PM
May 31	Nature at Night	Pilot Knob	5:30 - 9:30 PM
June 1	Orthel Jolly Workers club meeting	Fairgrounds	9:00 AM
June 7	Dish Towel Cross Stitch	Britt Public Library	9:30 - 11:30 AM
June 7	Wooden wreath	Extension Office	1:00 - 3:00 PM
June 9	Northwest Chargers club meeting	Woden Community Center	2:00 PM
June 10	Twins Stadium & Como Zoo	Minneapolis	7:30 AM - 8:30 PM
June 10	Wire Sculpture part 1	Extension Office	1:00 - 3:00 PM
June 11	Wire Sculpture part 2	Extension Office	1:00 - 3:00 PM
June 12	Music in the Park	Tourist Park, Garner	1:00 - 2:00 PM
June 12	Jewelry Making	Extension Office	2:30 - 4:00 PM
June 12	Weld It Workshop	GHV High School Shop	5:30 - 9:00 PM
June 13	Screen T-shirt Design	Gifts Sew Sweet	10:00 - 11:00 AM
June 16-17	Junior Overnight camp	Crystal Lake	overnight
June 17	Garfield Sluggers club meeting	Duncan Hall	6:00 PM
June 18	Beginning Photography	Extension Office	1:00 - 2:30 PM
June 18	Light It Up Workshop	Hunt's Electric, Britt	3:00 - 4:30 PM
June 19	Leather Wallet	Extension Office	1:00 - 2:30 PM
June 19	Stencil Rug	Extension Office	2:30 - 4:00 PM
June 20	Foil Art	Extension Office	1:00 - 2:30 PM
June 20	How To Face Paint	Extension Office	3:00 - 4:30 PM
June 21	Ready to Plant 3 Tier Flowers	Extension Office	2:00 - 4:00 PM
June 25	3D Pyramid Wall Art	Extension Office	1:00 - 2:30 PM
June 25 - 27	Iowa 4-H Youth Conference	Iowa State University	overnight
June 26	Art in the Park: Bubble Wrap	Tourist Park, Garner	1:00 - 3:00 PM
June 27	Achievement show	Extension Office	1:00 - 6:00 PM
June 29	Britt Broncos club mtg	Britt Municipal Building	9:00 AM
June 29	Achievement Show	Britt Municipal Building	9:30 - 11:30 AM
July 1	Fair Entries due	ONLINE	11:59 PM
July 23 - 29	Hancock County District Fair		
August 8 - 18	Iowa State Fair		

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HANCOCK EXTENSION SUMMER ASSISTANT

Meet Halle Johnson

I grew up on a small farm in Leland, Iowa. When I was less than a week old, I attended my first county fair. Since the moment I was born, I have been surrounded by the agriculture industry. I couldn't wait to turn old enough to join 4-H, and I haven't looked back since. I was involved in 4-H for 6 years and have been in FFA for 6 years as well. I have enjoyed my years at the Hancock County fair showing swine and goats. I like to stay involved in Hancock county because of all the memories I have made. I can't wait to give back to the county who shaped me into the young



woman I am today! I am currently enrolled at Iowa State University, and it is a perfect fit for me. I am majoring in Agricultural Business with a minor in Animal Science and am very involved around campus. I am looking forward to seeing so many familiar faces around this summer. I cannot wait to work with the youth that will be running our county some day!

HANCOCK COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT SHOW

Learn What 4-H Judges Look For



A lot of 4-H is about creativity. When you walk through the exhibit building at the County Fair so many neat exhibits have 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 exhibiting non-livestock projects at fair are required to take at least one exhibit to

Achievement Show. This rule helps 4-Hers to be prepared and successful at fair judging. The Hancock County Achievement Show is June 27th from 1:00pm - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Britt Broncos and Orthel Jolly Workers are holding an Achievement Show June 29th at the Britt Municipal Building from 9:30 - 11:30 am. No pre-registration is required to attend either event.

Achievement Shows:
June 27th
Britt Municipal Building
June 29th
Extension Office

4-Hers who are older than 4-6th grade are welcome to attend Achievement Shows to get an edge on exhibiting at the county fair as well. If you can't attend an achievement show you can stop by the Extension Office and we can teach you about the exhibit process and what to expect at fair.

NEW THEATRE ARTS CLUB

4-H Drama play on May 18

We have a new club this year for grades 4-6 and we are having a blast! We are learning through fun games, and have picked a play to perform by the *Sideways Stories* from Wayside Schools by Louis Sachar.

Save the date and come see our production on Saturday, May 18th, between the two performances of the GHV Junior High drama department at the Middle school in Ventura.



The kids have learned not to be too serious and to be "over dramatic". Jenni Martin, a student teacher at the GHV middle school, has been doing a wonderful job of teaching and making it fun for the kids. Hope you all can come and see our young 4-H'ers hard at work.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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



4-H FOODSTAND @ FAIR DISCONTINUED

We sincerely thank our bank sponsors as well as our 4-H families who have helped to support the Hancock County 4-H foodstand through the years. The banks financial contribution as well as their willingness to help staff and support the stand helped to maintain the 4-H foodstand. As many of you are aware, we have had difficulty in finding and retaining a foodstand manager to manage the stand during the county fair. During the April Hancock County Extension Council meeting, the council discussed the foodstand, including a review of the past several years of

financials. Through the review process, it became evident how much staff time is involved to prepare and organize the stand, in addition to staff time spent assisting in the stand during the county fair. The Extension Council made the decision to discontinue Extension’s role in operating the food stand. The council determined it was in the best interest of all involved to have staff time spent providing quality programming opposed to supporting food services at the fair. The fairboard will work to find a new vendor/ organization to run this stand.

COOL KIDS CLUB

Hands - On Learning and FUN

We are wrapping up our first year of Cool Kids Club for 5-6 grade. It is a monthly Club at the GHV elementary where they have been



learning a variety of topics chosen by the kids. They have helped a Corgi with a special life jacket so he could swim with his



humans, designed a prosthetic leg for a baby elephant so they could walk around, and splatted fake brains to learn about concussions and how to protect brains. They also were able to produce their very own flavored bubble gum and wrappers. To finish off this year we will be learning about dry ice and making ice cream.



HELP PREPARE THE FAIRGROUNDS FOR FAIR

Fair Preparation Help - Incentives from Fairboard

As you know, it takes a lot of work and time to prepare our fairgrounds for our wonderful fair. The fairboard needs your help! Please come in work clothes, ready to get dirty. Be sure you sign in and sign out with an Extension staff member so we can keep track of your incentives earned.

Fair Set Up & Clean Up Days:
Saturday, July 20th 8:00am - noon
Monday, July 29th following auction

Fair Spruce Up Days:
Saturday, June 15th 8:00am - noon
Rain date, June 22nd 8:00am - noon
Helping: Free ticket to All Out Destruction on Saturday night of fair

New for 2019! Your club may choose a workday at the fairgrounds to help with designated projects and still receive volunteer incentive credit.

4-H Enrollment Fee Payment:
Work 2 work days in order to receive \$10 toward the following September 4-H enrollment fee.



BONUS!!
Earn an extra \$10 towards your 4-H enrollment if you help clean up the race track on Monday after the auction. Meet on the track and CHECK IN AND OUT with a board member.

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.



County Fair & State Fair Entry Process

EXHIBITING LIVESTOCK AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR (2 STEPS)

Step 1: ID Deadlines - in 4-H Online: accepted until 11:59

- Market Beef (also weighed-in) - Feb. 1st
- Breeding Beef, Market Swine, Sheep, Goats, Dairy Cattle, Horse & Dog - May 15th
- Poultry, Rabbits, 4-H Bucket Bottle Calves, June 15th
- Open Bucket Bottle Calves and Lambs—July 1st

Step 2: Fair Entry deadline: accepted until 11:59 July 1st

- Visit <https://hancockdf.fairentry.com> to log-in to the FairEntry system to get your animals signed up for fair classes.
- There is a [Pink Road Map Help Sheet](#) available to help determine how to log-in or how to create an account.
- There are [step-by-step help sheets](#) available along with one on one help in our office Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30pm.
- Payment is accepted as cash, credit card, or check (written to Hancock County Ag Society)
- **Entry deadline is July 1st at 11:59pm on FairEntry!**



To Enter Hancock County District Fair:

- <https://hancockdf.fairentry.com>
- Due online by July 1st

Help Sheets available for 4-H Online and FairEntry at www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock or www.hancockcountyfair.com

EXHIBITING NON-LIVESTOCK AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR

- Visit <https://hancockdf.fairentry.com> to log-in to the FairEntry System
- There are [step-by-step help sheets](#) available along with one on one help in our office Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30pm.
- 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)
- Print entry tags off of FairEntry system.
- Any joint communication classes should contact the Extension office to have the entry added.
- There is no entry fee (unless late: \$25 fee), but there are premiums based on ribbon color and type of entry.
- Turn in forms to Hancock County Extension Office no later than July 1st.



To Enter Iowa State Fair Livestock:

- www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock
- Due online by July 1st

EXHIBITING AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR Iowa State Fair Livestock

- 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.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



LIGHTS, CAMERA, COOKING

ASK Highlights

We had an amazing 4 weeks of Lights, Camera, Cooking in our After School Kids club.



It was packed with fun recipes and learning how to produce a Kitchen TV Show. 3rd and 4th graders turned junior chefs, were able to learn all about reading a recipe and video editing. Each week we tried a new fun recipe with one rule in mind, YOU HAVE TO TRY ONE BITE. There were several amazed kids who didn't know they liked spinach in



their smoothie. They also learned the difference between a liquid and dry measuring cup, why it's so important to measure and having fun also makes some great bloopers scenes. We ended the season with some fun TV shows and a lot of laughs.



MAKING MEMORIES & FUN

Family Fun Night Highlights

- Nearly 350 people RSVP'ed
- We ordered 46 pizzas
- Over 50 people came who didn't RSVP for pizza
- 14 interactive booths including a petting zoo, face paint, LEGOS & robots, make 'n take crafts, balloons, and playdoh
- Many played BINGO, more than 100 prizes were handed out
- 4-Hers led craft exhibits and petting zoo
- Special K the musical clown and her bubble magic was feature entertainment



We are looking forward to next year!! Let us know if there is something you would like to see at Family Fun Night 2020!

K-3RD GRADERS EXPLORE ADVENTURE

Clover Kids Highlight

We had another great year of Clover Kids. This year's Clover Kids theme was Know your Farmer, Know your Food.

The kids learned all about where their food comes from, what different everyday items we use are made from, and we learned that there are more than



just corn and soybean farmers. There are all different kinds of farmers across the United States.

Throughout the year we learned the scientific names of each animal species, we learned about what byproducts are and where they come from, we talked about growing pumpkins, we ate "cow pies" and roasted pumpkin seeds, we had a milking contest, and we finished off the year planting our own flowers!



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Project Area Updates

PET SHOW

Do you have a fish, cat, hamster, snake, bird? On Saturday July 27th, during fair, a pet show will be held in the shelter house at 1:00 p.m. Any youth of any age can show at the pet show.

Pet show participants are not required to fill out any paperwork, just bring your pet on Saturday, July 27th and be prepared to show.

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 pet show, but not both.)

HORSE

Brush the dust off, get out and ride! Get your horse ready with worming/ vaccinations/ hoof care.

Horse workouts will start on Monday, May 13 with the second date being Thursday, May 23.

Workouts start at 7:00 PM at the horse arena at the fairgrounds.



More information on future dates to come. If you have any questions or are concerned about the weather call before you haul.

What to bring:

- Horse and all tack
- Helmet, jeans, boots with heel

Questions contact a superintendent: Laurie Hadacek:

641-860-0140 or lpprh@aol.com

Tiffanie Zaugg:

712-348- 5977 or

tiffaniezaugg4@gmail.com

STATE 4-H AWARDS

Huge congratulations to Lily Hill!!!! She recently competed at the state level and was selected as a state council member and to attend National 4-H Congress in Georgia this fall. This means she will plan the state 4-H conference for 2020 as well as be a youth ambassador to the state 4-H program. A maximum of 20 Iowa 4-Hers are selected for the National 4-H Congress. The event includes dynamic keynote speakers, community service in the Atlanta area, workshops on leadership, cultural issues, and team building. Delegates will also get a chance to tour the city of Atlanta. Lily encourages other high school 4-Hers to apply for these same opportunities. She says, "This is a great learning and network opportunity and I am so excited to represent Hancock County at the State and National level." Congrats Lily!



POULTRY



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 6th. Exhibits are judged in pens of three and evaluated on uniformity, merit, and rate of gain.

Chicks cost \$1.56 each. To participate in this fair class you must fill out and return an order form (with payment) to the Extension Office by May 15th. Order forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or requested via email from nelsont@iastate.edu.

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".



Winners at County fair advance to Clay Co. Fair and Iowa State Fair. Blue ribbons in communication events earn a premium of \$9.00. Sign up by July 1st to participate.

DOG

Dog Obedience Kick Off Meeting! Learn how to teach your dog to sit, stay, come and heel. Learn how to show in obedience at the county fair. Kick off meeting is Thursday, May 9 from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Britt Library. (Please bring a picture of your dog.) 4-H members (grades 3rd - 12th) attend training classes weekly with your dog for FREE. Members enrolled in the class should plan on showing their dog at the county fair.

To sign up for dog obedience classes you must either attend the May 9 info session or contact the Extension Office at 641-923-2856 prior to May 9.



4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

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May - June 2019

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ISU Extension and Outreach program highlights:

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June 2019



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& VINEYARD

2695 Quail Avenue, Garner, Iowa 50438



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