Just a Note:

What an exciting time of the year! It is a time for new beginnings and firsts. First Day of school, new school shoes, freshly sharpened pencils, seeing old friends and making new friends, going out for a new sport or activity you have yet to try. The possibilities are endless.

What a great time to start something new in 4-H. Are you in 4th-8th grade or 9th-12th and like to build and program robots? Join First LEGO League or First Tech Challenge. Have ever wanted to learn about archery and target shooting? Do you want to learn about pets and do 4-H activities after school? Are you a K-3rd grader who wants to experience a different country culture each month in Clover Kids? Or be a part of a team/family in a community clubs? Now is the time to get involved, try new things, and HAVE FUN!

Don’t forget to go on-line and re-enroll on iowa.4honline.com starting September 1st. By doing this, it ensures that we keep the most current medical and contact information. Families who are completely new need to fill out the paper enrollment forms and turn them into the office.

Our Annual Awards Banquet is November 8th at the GHV High School Auditorium. Now is the time to wrap up your 4-H recordkeeping and award applications, so we can start fresh with new goals, activities and pursuits for the 2015-2016 4-H year. All 4-H records and award applications are due September 15th. Plan on attending the Recordkeeping workshops to stay ahead of the game, on September 8th 5:30-6:30 at the Ed Center in Garner and September 10th 5:30-6:30 at the Britt Library.

Hancock 4-Hers join 6 million young people from across the country to celebrate National 4-H Week October 4-10th. Sunday October 4th is our first ever 4-H 4K and Open House. The 4K run/walk starts at 2:30pm with check-in at 2:00pm. Please register for the race by contacting the Extension Office no later than September 15th. An open house from 3-5pm will feature our community clubs, family fun activities, and light refreshments.

We are looking forward to making new memories and friends in our new 4-H year.

All the best,

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# 4-H Calendar

8 Mondays (starting Sept. 21st) Garner Afterschool Kids’ Club  
Cafeteria  
3:25 - 5:00 pm

8 Tuesdays (starting Sept. 22nd) Britt Afterschool Kids’ Club  
Art Room  
3:15 - 5:00 pm

- **Sept. 8**  
  4-H Record Keeping Workshop  
  Extension Office  
  5:30 - 6:30 pm

- **Sept. 10**  
  4-H Record Keeping Workshop  
  Britt Library  
  5:30 - 6:30 pm

- **Sept. 11**  
  **Clover Kids & ASK Registration Due**  
  Extension Office

- **Sept. 12-20**  
  Clay County Fair  
  Spencer, IA

- **Sept. 14**  
  Britt Creative Clovers (K-1st Clover Kids)  
  WH Elementary  
  3:15 - 5:00 pm

- **Sept. 15**  
  **Record Books & Award Applications Due**  
  Extension Office

- **Sept. 19**  
  Garner Lucky Clovers (Clover Kids)  
  Extension Office  
  9:00 - 10:30 am

- **Sept. 20**  
  High School County Council mtg.  
  Extension Office  
  2:00 - 3:30 pm

- **Sept. 21**  
  Britt Creative Clovers (2-3rd Clover Kids)  
  WH Elementary  
  3:15 - 5:00 pm

- **Sept. 21**  
  BullsEye Bunch Mtg.  
  Nelson House, Hwy 18  
  6:00 - 8:00 pm

- **Sept. 27**  
  Britt Broncos mtg. - leader surprise  
  ??  
  3:00 pm

- **Sept. 29**  
  Elcon Indians club mtg.  
  Extension Office  
  7:00 - 8:30 pm

- **Oct. 2**  
  **All County Council Applications Due**  
  Extension Office

- **Oct. 4**  
  4-H 4K and Open House  
  Extension Office  
  2:30 - 5:00 pm

- **Oct. 4-10**  
  National 4-H Week  
  Everywhere  
  All Week Long

- **Oct. 11**  
  High School County Council mtg.  
  Extension Office  
  2:00 - 3:30 pm

- **Oct. 11**  
  Interview Skill Workshop  
  Extension Office  
  3:30 - 4:30 pm

- **Oct. 12**  
  Britt Creative Clovers (K-1st Clover Kids)  
  WH Elementary  
  3:15 - 5:00 pm

- **Oct. 17**  
  Garner Lucky Clovers (Clover Kids)  
  Extension Office  
  9:00 - 10:30 am

- **Oct. 18**  
  High School County Council Interviews  
  Extension Office  
  1:00 - 6:00 pm

- **Oct. 19**  
  Elcon Indians Council mtg.  
  Garner Library  
  7:00 - 8:30 pm

- **Oct. 26**  
  Britt Creative Clovers (2-3rd Clover Kids)  
  WH Elementary  
  3:15 - 5:00 pm

- **Nov. 8**  
  Hancock County 4-H Awards Program  
  GHV Auditorium  
  4:00 pm

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**July 26 - Aug 1, 2015** Hancock County District Fair

**August 11-21, 2015** Iowa State Fair

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### 4-H Leader & Coach Recognition

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4-H would not be possible and young people would not be successful without volunteers. The following adults led 4-H clubs in 2014-2015. Please tell them Thank you!!!
More than 6 million young people from across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week October 4-10th. It is a time to promote 4-H, celebrate your accomplishments, get fired up for next year, and share the impact of 4-H. How can you celebrate?

**4-H 4K Run/Walk**
Sunday, Oct. 4th we are hosting at 4-H 4K run/walk open to everyone. Race begins at 2:30pm with check-in at 2:00pm. 4K racers will get a commemorative race t-shirt. **Cost for racers is $15 and registration is due September 15. Register by contacting the Extension Office at 641-923-2856. You do not have to be a current 4-H member to participate. Race is open to everyone!**

**4-H Open House**
Sunday, Oct. 4th from 3-5pm we are hosting a 4-H Open House at the Extension Office. Clubs, please be prepared to have an interact fun booth that day. Examples could be: playing with robots, working exhibits, carnival games, and 4-H or livestock trivia. Light refreshments will also be served.

**Get Recognized for Your Efforts**

**4-H Awards Program**

Most 4-Hers Contest
Clubs are in a competition! Which Hancock County 4-H club can have the highest percentage of club members present? Winning club will get $25 towards a pizza party! A challenge: Wear a 4-H shirt.

Cake decorating contest & silent auction
Individuals, friends, clubs, families, or businesses are invited to create a theme basket. Items will be judged for fun awards and auction off through a silent auction. Proceeds will go to Hancock 4-H program to help offset the cost of workshops, events, and programs. Award categories will include: best holiday, most family fun, most unique, and best 4-H theme.

**4-H Meal**
Immediately following the awards program we will have a 4-H family meal. All 4-H families are invited as well as extended family, businesses, city and county officials.

**4-H Green Day**
Wear green and the 4-H clover on Wednesday, October 7th. All 4-Hers, parents, leaders, supporters, alumni, and friends of 4-H are encouraged to show off their 4-H spirit. Share pictures of your family and friends and their 4-H spirit on social media.

**Club Food Drive Contest**
The county 4-H council is challenging ALL 4-H clubs (community clubs, LEGO teams, ASK clubs, and Shooting Sports) to collect donations for the food pantry’s in Britt and Garner. The challenge will run from Sunday, Oct. 4th - Friday, Oct. 9th. All food must be turned in to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, Oct. 9th. Food will be weighted and the club that donates the most weight will win $15 toward pizza of the club’s choice.

**4-H Club Board Displays**
Take your club board display (from fair or other poster) and show it off in a local business window your choice (after you get permission from the business). Take pictures and share on social media Facebook: ISU Extension - Hancock County, IA, Twitter: @ISUHancock or #Hancock County 4-H.

What else can you do? Let’s make 4-H in Hancock County stand out during the 2015 National 4-H Week, October 4-10th.

**4-H Award Program**
November 8th, 2015
4:00-5:30 pm, GHV Auditorium

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**Mission Statement**

4-H Empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults.
SHOW OFF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CHARACTER

**Record Books & Recognition**

Record Keeping and Awards are completed and applied for at the end of the 4-H year. Our deadline for award applications and record completion recognition is September 15th, 2015. You may notice this date being earlier than past years. This is an attempt to finish up the 4-H year before school and sports get super busy, before you forget what you’ve done for the year, and soon enough for you to be able to focus on the new 4-H year.

Many, many of you are deserving of the awards that are offered to 4-Hers who exemplify excellent leadership, citizenship, character, enthusiasm, and service. Please consider applying or asking your club leader to nominate you. All awards and record completion recognition will be given at our fall awards ceremony on Sunday, November 8th.

There are 2 main categories where 4-Hers can receive awards.

**Bronze, Silver, or Gold project record completion**

Project record completion awards are not competitive. If you meet the requirements found on the “Project Record Completion Application” you will receive a bronze, silver, or gold; depending on which level you applied for. You must also submit your records related to that project. These records can be submitted in many forms: in a book with all your 4-H projects, in a binder (or other method of filing) related to just that project area, or a video or other electronic document.

Leader nominated awards are due October 1st and include nomination awards for 4-Hers, awards for the club to win, nominations of outstanding volunteers.

All record keeping forms can be found on our website, [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h_records_awards](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h_records_awards)

Many of the forms are writable word documents. You are encouraged to type in the form and then save and print it.

For questions about the 4-H record keeping process or applying for awards please attend a workshop or call or email Victoria at vschmidt@iastate.edu or 641-923-2856.

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**New FIRST LEGO League Season**

The kids are back to school, days are getting shorter, and the temperature is feeling a little bit more like fall, so now is the time to start playing with LEGO’s! The FLL season is already upon us and we have had a few practices. Teams ICE, FIRE, LAB, Extreme Chaos and Flip the Switch are getting into the robotics mode and starting their new season of Trash Trek. They will be programming their robot around a variety of obstacles and solving a problem of what is in the trash and how can we use it to our advantage.

The teams will choose a piece of trash and identify a problem with the way it is currently handled. Look for problems with the way we make, transport, store, or turn trash into something new. Then find out what is being done to solve the problem. It is a great experience for the kids to learn and work together as a team to find a solution. If you are interested in joining FLL and you are in grades 4-8, contact Nikki Renner at the Hancock County Extension office 923-2856 or nrenner@iastate.edu.

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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 4-H Year: Re-enroll after Sept. 1st

After September 1st everyone who wishes to continue in 4-H must re-enroll for the new 4-H year. Re-enrollments must be finished before January 1st, 2016. **New this year: Please remember to pay the $20 enrollment fee to the Hancock County Extension Office.** Follow the instructions below:

- Go to http://iowa.4honline.com.
- Enter your family email that you use frequently. (If you don’t know, the Extension Office can help.)
- Select “I forgot my password” (unless you remember)
- Copy your new temporary password that was emailed to your inbox.
- Click login and scroll down to the family members listed at the bottom of the screen
- Click edit on the right side of each family member you want to re-activate
- Scroll to the bottom of each family member’s page and click “Enroll for 2015-2016”
- Follow instructions making sure you fill out as many fields as you can or that apply to you.
- The club you were in last year is already identified.
- Don’t forget to select your projects.
- Click submit and the enrollment will be sent to the office for verification that everything is included.
- **Submit $20 payment to Hancock County Extension by dropping it off at the office or to your club leaders if your club is offering that as an option.** This fee is NOT for Clover Kids and is NOT in addition to ASK registration fees.
- Scholarships are available upon request.

### APPLY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

**7-12 Grade Leadership Opportunity**

All 4-Hers in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to serve on a County Youth Council. As a council member you will get to help with county wide service projects, provide input for the direction of the 4-H program, speak on the radio, and much more.

High school members must submit an application and complete an interview on October 18th. High school members have the option to compete for the executive committee within county council.

7-8th grader must submit an application. Both groups will meet approximately 8-10 times a year.

**County Council Applications Due: Friday, October 4th**

Additional information and applications can be found online at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/news/county-4-h-youth-council-apply-now](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/news/county-4-h-youth-council-apply-now)

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Our Vision
A World in Which Youth and Adults Learn, Grow, and Work Together as Catalysts for Positive Change

Upcoming Club Events

Clover Kids Registration

All Kindergarten - 3rd graders are encouraged to get registered for Clover Kids. The registration deadline is September 11th.

Clover Kids meet once a month; in Garner on Saturdays from 9-10:30am at the Extension Office, in Britt on Mondays from 3:30-5pm at the West Hancock Elementary lunchroom. Britt Clover Kids is so large we have split the group K-1st and 2nd-3rd.

The fee to join Clover Kids is $25 and scholarships are available by request.

Registration forms should have come from school with your child the first week of school. If you can’t find your form please visit our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/content/clover-kids. If you have any questions please contact Victoria at the Extension Office at 641-923-2856 or vschmidt@iastate.edu.

ASK Registration

4-H Afterschool Kids Club or ASK is a unique way to experience 4-H. ASK meets for an 8 week fall and 8 week spring session. All 3rd & 4th graders are encouraged to sign up. The deadline to register is September 11th.

Our fall session of 4-H Afterschool Kids Club will focus on pets including, dogs, rabbits, butterflies, birds, and even geckos. In ASK, members get to choose a project area to explore, invite experts to speak to the club, decide on a field trip, do hands-on activities, play games, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and have a healthy snack.

ASK meets right after school on Mondays in Garner and on Tuesdays in Britt. The fee to be a member of ASK is $20 per semester and scholarships are available upon request.

Registration forms should have come home with your child the first week of school. If you can’t find your form please visit our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/, click on “2015 4-H fall programs” and then click “ASK Clubs”. If you have questions please contact the Extension Office at 641-923-2856.

Bullseye Bunch Update

September 21st - Bullseye Bunch 4-H meeting will be held at Dan Nelson’s new shop, 1340 Hwy 18 Britt. We plan to meet at 7pm. We anticipate electing and installing the first ever officers for the club.

November 21st - All are invited to 4-H Shooting Sports "Field Day". From 3pm to 6pm, members are welcome to Dan’s house (1340 Hwy 18 Britt) to try their hands at air rifles and archery. We will have a wildlife activity as well as a hayride, bonfire, and hot dogs! This event will take place from 3-6pm.
State Fair Results

4-Hers in Hancock County had a very busy and successful time showing at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, August 13-23th. Twenty-three exhibitors took cattle or swine to the state fair, six young people participated in communication competitions, and 25 4-Hers had building exhibits that were selected from the county fair to advance to state fair competition.

Jacob Hlavacek was awarded the Iowa Tree Farm Award, and a Certificate of Congratulations from the Iowa Department of Agriculture for his Environment and Sustainability entry.

All other results are listed below. Congratulations and job well done 4-Hers!!

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| Communication Competition       |          |
| Abby Wirtjes                    | Share The Fun |
| Anna Wirtjes                    | Share The Fun |
| Lauren Wirtz                    | Share The Fun |
| Marissa Eekhoff                 | Ed. Presentation Seal of Excellence |
| Paige Kudej                     | Working Exhibit Seal of Excellence |
| Patrick Terhark                 | Share The Fun |
OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE
HAPPY MEMORIES FROM 2015 HANCOCK COUNTY DISTRICT FAIR

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H
SAVE THE DATE: NATIONAL 4-H WEEK CELEBRATION AND 4-K

Come celebrate and kick-off National 4-H Week by joining us at the 4-H 4-K run/walk and open house on:

Sunday, October 4
Garner Ed Center
2:30 PM: Race Start
3:00 PM—5:00 PM: Open House

4-K racers will get a commemorative race t-shirt. Cost for racers is $15 and registration is due September 15. You do not have to be a current 4-H member to participate. Race is open to everyone!
The open house is free—please invite friends and relatives to join in on the fun!