

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

August 17, 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

I hope everyone is having a good week so far. I can officially say that we are 2 weeks away from the county fair! I can almost smell the fair food and can picture myself standing in line at Betrans to get an egg roll, or the Cory-Rawson tent having a bowl of homemade noodles, or visiting the Vanule tent for a milkshake. With the fair fast approaching, I ask that you please take time to read this week's Focus as there are many important dates and reminders for when it comes to barn setup and the needed preparations for the fair.



As always, if you have questions, please call the office at (419) 422-3851 and we will do our best to answer your questions or point you toward a good and valuable resource.

With the county fair being two weeks away I would also like to share a friendly reminder in making sure that we are all using the social media platforms in the proper manner. Social media is a great tool and resource for us to use, so please be sure we are all being respectful and polite.

Just a reminder for all... If you are not feeling well or have symptoms of an illness, please stay home from meetings or activities. We want to be sure that you can rest and recuperate, as well as make sure we are providing a safe and welcoming experience to those in the Hancock County 4-H Program.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 16 Make-up Livestock Evaluations, 1-6pm
August 21 Sheep Barn Set-Up, 8am
August 21 Goat Barn Set-Up, 1-5pm
August 27 Booth Set-Up, 10-5pm

August 28 Booth Set Up, 1-5pm
August 29 Booth Set Up, 4-6pm
August 30 Livestock Move-In and Weigh-Ins
August 31-Sept 5 Hancock County Fair

AWARDS:

Cloverbud Graduation: Graduation ceremony for the 2nd grade Cloverbuds will be held September 4 at 2pm in the Old Mill Stream Centre. Light refreshments will be served following graduation for all Cloverbuds in the Youth Pavilion.

Scholarships: Those who applied for a scholarship last spring, watch your mail for your CONGRATULAIONS letter. If you receive a letter, mark your calendar to be at Cloverbud Graduation on September 4 to be recognized.

Outstanding 4-Her and Danforth Nominees: You will receive a letter and application that needs to be completed and returned by September 15 to be eligible for these awards. Interviews for this nomination and appliction will be on Monday, September 26. Mark your calendars.

JUNIOR FAIR NOTES:

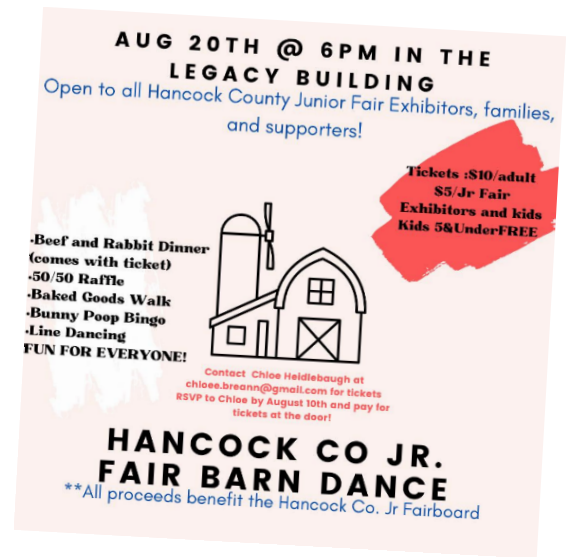
Barn Dance: Mark your calendars! August 20 is the Hancock County Junior Fair Barn Dance! Proceeds benefit the Junior Fair & the Junior Fair Board!

Fair Tickets: Emails will be going out to all 4-H families for Junior Fair Member Tickets. Please watch for an email coming from **Hometown Ticket Sales**. In the email there will be a QR Code. THIS IS YOUR TICKET to get into the Hancock County Fair. Also be alert as the email may go to your spam or junk folder.

Show Clothes NOT fitting, we have an OPPORTUNITY for you! The Hancock County 2021 Junior Fair Royalty need your help! As our Junior Fair Royalty visited fairs this year, they discovered a



treasure and would like to share with our community of Junior Fair Members in Hancock County. Every showman deserves the opportunity to look their best for show. Junior Fair Royalty are looking for donations of show clothes to share with others. Boots, hats, belts, jeans, show shirts, lab coats, and any other show items that could potentially be of use to another showman. These items will be available for FREE in the youth building during the fair and can be returned at the end of the fair. All youth have the opportunity to find something they may need to look their best. If you are not using or have outgrown an outfit, please consider donating it to their booth. Please make sure all items are in current useable condition. Outdated helmets and stained items will not be accepted. All donations can be dropped off to the Junior Fair office any time before the fair. Thank you everyone for helping our youth!



If there are any Junior Fair questions or concerns, please contact Britta at:

Britta.fenstermaker@hancockfairgrounds.org | Cell: 419-348-0427 | Office: 567-442-1537

Fair Booth Set-Up in the Youth Pavilion:

Junior Fair Theme: *Moovin' & Groovin' at the Hancock County Fair*

Alotted times for booth set up:

- Saturday August 27 from 10:00am- 5:00pm
- Sunday August 28 from 1:00pm- 5:00pm
- Monday August 29 from 4:00pm- 6:00pm

All fair booths **MUST** be completed by 6:00pm on Monday, prior to opening of the fair.

Awards to Booths will be in the following categories:

- Best Use of Theme
- Most Creative
- Best Display of Projects, Organization and Planning
- Best Explanation of Club Work
- Best Use of Motion/ Movement
- Peoples Choice voted Wednesday and Thursday- announced Friday

Reminder that the Findlay Fire Marshall comes and inspects all the booths. Anything he deems unsafe must be removed.

Staffing of the Youth Building: Still needing 4-H clubs to sign up for one 2-hour shift in helping oversee the building. The sign-up sheet is available in our office. Call at 419-423-3851 or email Kathy or myself to reserve your spot!

LIVESTOCK:

Livestock Project Evaluations: A HUGE Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make these days possible for our members! 😊

Horse Families: The Hancock County Junior Fair Show Patterns are now available to help you start preparing. Ask your advisor or watch the Hancock County Horse Council Facebook page for a copy.

Sheep Projects: Help is needed to set up the sheep barn. Be at the Legacy Building Sunday, August 21, starting at 8am.

Goat Projects: Help the goat department with pen setup Sunday afternoon August 21 from 1-5pm.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Adopt a Bench: Hancock Harerisers and Magic Makers gathered, collected, and cleaned over 1200 pounds of bottle caps in efforts to provide more benches at the county fair. We are looking for club sponsors

to adopt a bench. The price to purchase a bench is \$295. If you would like a name plate on the bench that is additional \$15. For more information or questions about sponsoring a bench, contact John Livingston at john.livingston@hancockfairgrounds.org or Bev Welty at bcwelty@msn.com.

Parade: The village of Mt. Cory is celebrating their 150th year! On September 17, 2022, there will be a parade! This is open and welcome to all area 4-H clubs/ teams at school, scouts, twirlers etc. If you are interested in taking part in the celebration by joining the parade, please contact Michelle Risner at 419-348-2233 or risner4@woh.rr.com

Soccer Game: The Columbus Crew Stadium is hosting 4-H Day Sunday September 18 with kickoff starting at 1:00pm. If you are interested in attending this game contact our office for more information and for tickets!

Have a great week! 😊