

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

December 7, 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

Happy Wednesday! Welcome to the month of December!

Today is December 7. Many forget what is significant about today. Today is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. I can give you all the facts about that day, but the important thing is to remember those who fought for our country giving us the freedoms we still celebrate today.



Eight years later, “Mele Kalikimaka” was written by R. Alex Anderson. Mele Kalikimaka is the Hawaiian phrase meaning Merry Christmas.

Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas day
That’s the island greeting that we send to you
From the land where palm trees sway

We want to be one of the first to wish you Merry Christmas this year. Remember to spend quality time with your families and friends. This is the greatest gift you can give them.

On that note, President Johnson has gifted the employees of The Ohio State University with a gift this holiday season. This gift includes Hancock County Extension as well as all the other extension offices. We will be closed from Thursday, December 22 at 3:00pm through Monday, January 2, 2023. If you plan to stop in, keep this in mind.

Our office is always available to help answer any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact our office at (419) 422-3851. Our scheduled office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. ☺

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JUNIOR FAIR:

Rabbit Exhibitors: The rabbit department is looking for junior high to high school aged exhibitors in 4-H and FFA who are willing to meet with adults to improve the Junior Fair Rabbit Department. If you are interested, contact Bev Welty at 419-348-5378 or bcwelty@msn.com.

Rabbit Projects: Changes for 2023!! The state has updated the rabbit books! We have new numbers and a new project book. Once they are available, you will be able to stop in and decide which project you are interested in. Here are your options:

Project Number	Project Name	County Judging	State Fair	County Fair
228BR	Rabbit Breeding	August 7	Member makes state fair entry	Rabbit shows at fair
228MA	Rabbit Market	August 7	Member makes state fair entry	Rabbit shows at fair
228PE	Rabbit Pet	July 6	Member must be selected during July 6 judging day to attend state fair	Rabbit does <u>NOT</u> show at fair. Educational display in club booth

Market Hog Projects: Changes for 2023!!

- 1) New hog weights for the 2023 fair- Minimum weight is 215 and Maximum weight is 285.
- 2) Market hogs can be farrowed on or AFTER January 1.

Market Beef Projects: Tagging and Weigh-In will be held Saturday January 7 starting at 9:00am at the Hancock County Fairgrounds in the Buckeye Building. This is MANDATORY to attend if wanting to participate in the 2023 Hancock County Fair.

Market Beef Projects DNA Kits/EID Tags: The Ohio State Fair DNA Sample Collection Kits and Cards are now available and ready for pick up at our office. These Kits and Cards **MUST** be received to the Ohio State Fair by January 15, 2023. We will not be open from December 23 through January 2, so please keep this in mind when you are planning your week.

Horse Projects: The end of the year banquet will be held January 21 at the Fostoria YMCA. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Be sure to bring a dish to share, your own drinks, and \$25 in door prizes. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please do so to Julie Cramer by email at jpc772002@yahoo.com or she can be reached at 419-306-7904.

A NOTE FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS:

News from the Sale Office: All livestock checks were delivered to the Findlay Post Office on November 16. Buyers are listed with the checks and want to continue supporting the Livestock Sale -- they really appreciate hearing from the youth. Call, text, or email me any questions you have for the Sale Office.

Robin Munck, Sale Coordinator
Hancock Co Jr Fair
robin.munck@hancockfairgrounds.org
419-957-8681

Livestock Checks: Checks have been sent. Parents have told us their child hasn't received their check yet. If you are in the same situation, please call Robin at the sale office to report this.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Hockey Game: The Toledo Walleye will host the FIRST EVER 4H and FFA Nights this season! We are excited to have these organizations join us in the arena and would love your support in getting the word out to different clubs and chapters. These specialty nights will be held on Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th. A \$19 ticket allows groups to join in on an exclusive pregame open skate and group seating for the Walleye game. We also will be offering hotdog or pizza vouchers as well for an additional cost. To make your reservation, please email an estimated number of seats you would like us to hold for your group! A final number and payment will not be due until 2 weeks before your selected game. My name is Maddie Recker, and my number is (419) 725-9271. We hope to fill the arena with these wonderful youth organizations!

Wishing everyone a great week! 😊