

# 4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

JULY 27, 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

The Ohio State Fair has officially started! Today marks Day 1. Our county is very well represented with our area youth participating in a variety of project judgings along with showing livestock.

Do you plan to take time and attend the state fair? If so, be sure to check out this year's butter cow display! This year's display was made from approximately 2,530 pounds of butter. It is the largest butter cow displayed at the Ohio State Fair to date and the first display built in two years.



This well represented display was selected by The American Dairy Association, displaying five participants showing their animals including a lamb, chicken, and a pig to "reflect on the true meaning and traditions of the fair, which began in 1850."

Anyone interested in attending the state fair, you can buy tickets at O-Reilly Auto Parts or online. Advance sale admission tickets are just \$8 through July 26. Take in a livestock show or stop and encourage our non-livestock project members. Go to <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/> to find information about shows, food, concerts, and more.

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.

As the 4-H year is underway this is 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:

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| July 27- August 7 | Ohio State Fair                                 | August 4  | Goat Council, 7pm                                  |
| July 29           | Jr. Fair Livestock Entries Due                  | August 8  | Livestock Evaluations, 2-7pm                       |
| August 1          | All project grades due by 4:30pm                | August 9  | Beef Feeder Tagging, 7-8pm                         |
| August 1          | Beef Feeder must be in ownership of member      | August 10 | Horse Council, 7pm                                 |
| August 1          | Meat Pen Rabbits must be in ownership of member | August 12 | Outstanding 4-Her & Danforth Award nominations due |
| August 1          | Rabbit Tattooing, 6-8pm                         | August 12 | Teen Leadership Council Applications due           |

## AWARDS:

**Outstanding 4-Her and Danforth Award nominations:** Due August 12. Older 4-H members are recognized for their outstanding achievements in 4-H. Members are nominated by advisors, complete an application form, and are interviewed. Awards are then presented at the Celebration of 4-H in October. Advisors, if you have members you wish to nominate, call or reply to this email and we will get the applications sent to your members.

**Cloverbud Graduation:** Please watch your mail boxes for a postcard coming from our office with information about Cloverbud Graduation. We want to celebrate this exciting time with our younger members. We do ask that if you are planning to attend the graduation ceremony being held September 4 at 2pm. RSVP to the extension office with your T-shirt size by **August 9**.

## JUNIOR FAIR NOTES:

**Jr. Fair Entries: ALL entries are due July 29.** After July 29, 2022, and up till August 8, a \$50 fee will be added for any added entries. After August 8- no entries allowed. If you have questions, please contact the extension office with 4-H questions and the junior fair office with junior fair questions.

- Follow the link to Showworks to start entries! <https://hancoc.fairwire.com/>
- All department royalty applications are online on the [hancockfairgrounds.org](https://hancockfairgrounds.org) fair website. Department royalty applications are due on **July 29, 2022. UNLESS SPECIFIED** on the application!! Check the application for exact dates!
  - ✓ July 29- Department royalty applications due
  - ✓ August 8- Fair Royalty Applications due
  - ✓ August 8- Livestock Interviews
  - ✓ August 10- Duke & Duchess Application due & interviews
  - ✓ August 20- Jr. Fair Barn Dance, Fairgrounds- Legacy Building

The junior fair book is available online through the fair website at: <https://hancockfairgrounds.org/jr-fair-premium-book/> or available in paper version in the Fair Office or the Extension Office.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Britta at [Britta.fenstermaker@hancockfairgrounds.org](mailto:Britta.fenstermaker@hancockfairgrounds.org)  
Cell: 419-348-0427  
Office: 567-442-1537

**Fair Booth Set-Up in the Youth Pavilion:** Advisors be on the watch in your emails for more details and reminders about the new booth panels. Below you will find the attached map of the booth layout.

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. Advisors will receive an email specific to the Youth Pavilion guidelines.

## **LIVESTOCK:**

**Livestock Project Evaluations:** Will be taking place Monday August 8 starting at 2:00pm-7:00pm in the Legacy Building at the Fairgrounds. Be sure that you register using the online link to reserve your spot. The sign up will end on August 8 at 12:01am. [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4UX8nskTtewl9me](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4UX8nskTtewl9me)

Wanting to be prepared for skillathon? Attached is the link to access all of the species skillathon study guides! <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/animal-project-resources>

**Rabbits Projects:** Rabbit tattooing will be August 1 from 6-8 pm in the Legacy Building at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. You may tattoo 6 meat rabbits per exhibitor to choose your Meat Pen of Three from for the fair. The additional rabbits can be shown as fryers. All rabbits shown at the fair must be tattooed. If you have individual rabbits to be shown that are not tattooed, they can be tattooed on August 1 as well. For those that need some guidance on showing their rabbits, we will have some Jr. Fair volunteers to assist. If you are interested in helping in any way that night, feel free to step up. Questions, please reach out to Bev Welty at [bcwelty@msn.com](mailto:bcwelty@msn.com)

**Market Hog Projects:** The 2022 Swine Show at the Hancock County Fair is a terminal show with the exception of arranging your own slaughter with proof. You must inform the Swine Superintendent, Ryan George, by **August 1st** if you will be taking your market hog(s) home to be slaughtered after the fair.

Please contact Ryan George at 419-306-3205 or [buckeyefarmer75@gmail.com](mailto:buckeyefarmer75@gmail.com) if you have arranged your own slaughter. Please feel free to contact Ryan with any questions.

**Poultry Projects:** For **ALL** Jr. Fair and FFA Poultry Exhibitors:

The following online forms are required to be completed by **July 31<sup>st</sup>**:

1. **2022 Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Department Guidelines** – Required to be completed by ALL Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitors  
Access: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/HancockCountyJFPoultry/2022HancockCountyJuniorFairPoultryDepartmentGuidelines> or by attached QR Code
2. **2022 Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Health Certificate Submission** – Required to be completed by ALL Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitors (exception of waterfowl exhibits)  
Access: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/HancockCountyJFPoultry/2022HancockCountyJuniorFairPoultryHealthCertificateSubmission> or by attached QR Code
3. **2022 Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Partial Terminal Designation** – Required to be completed by Market Exhibitors wishing to declare their project(s) for take home  
Access: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/HancockCountyJFPoultry/2022HancockCountyJuniorFairPoultryPartialTerminalDesignation> or by the attached QR Code

NOTE: This information is also posted on the **Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Facebook** page (@HCOHJFPoultry)

Required documents for all Junior Fair Poultry Exhibitors (link to each document is also included in **2022 Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Department Guidelines** form):

1. 2022 Hancock County Junior Fair Important Poultry Dates  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ve8zd1mxxp89vfhn/2022%20Hancock%20County%20Junior%20Fair%20Poultry%20-%20Important%20Dates.pdf?dl=0>
2. 2022 Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Project Requirement Summary  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nah4s1xsl4ir9zn/2022%20Hancock%20County%20Junior%20Fair%20Poultry%20-%20Project%20Requirement%20Summary.pdf?dl=0>
3. 2022 Hancock County Junior Fair Poultry Department Information  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/869an8cc94gqtxg/2022%20Hancock%20County%20Junior%20Fair%20Poultry%20-%20Department%20Information%20Packet.pdf?dl=0>
4. Understanding the Requirements for Poultry Disease Testing and Health Certificates  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pmo894hu6hib0gm/2022%20Understanding%20the%20Requirements%20for%20Poultry%20Disease%20Testing%20%26%20Health%20Certificates.pdf?dl=0>
5. Hancock County Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) Example – Poultry  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nfxr7c86zdwsu30/2022%20Hancock%20County%20Junior%20Fair%20Poultry%20-%20DUNF%20Information%20%26%20Example.pdf?dl=0>
6. BVPA Poultry Stewardship Award Application  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/makt8q8yrtx0d1e/2022%20BVPA%20Poultry%20Stewardship%20Award%20Application%20Packet.pdf?dl=0>

**Pullorum Testing** will be offered as a drive thru event: Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> starting 6-8pm at the Buckeye Building at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Please enter the barn on the south side closest to the dairy barn. Cost: \$1 per bird tested paid in cash.

Anyone with a bird that is over a year old is required to provide a valid health certificate. This pullorum testing will provide a health certificate only for the specific birds tested. Turkeys cannot be Pullorum tested. Waterfowl do not require health certificates.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

**4-H T-shirts for Sale:** Our Jr. Leadership Club is selling tshirts as a fundraiser! This fundraiser will be running from July 12- August 12. Sizes are available starting in Adult Small- XXXL. Order forms are available for pickup at the extension office and will also be available for pick up at Non-Livestock and Livestock project judging's.



Short sleeve t-shirts are \$15.00 and long sleeve t-shirts are \$18.00

Cash and Checks are accepted, please make checks payable to Hancock County JR Leadership Club.

**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](mailto:john.livingston@hancockfairgrounds.org) or Bev Welty at [bcwelty@msn.com](mailto:bcwelty@msn.com).

**Fair Spotlight:** Our local newspaper is looking for 4-H families who would be interested in taking part in an interview helping shine a spotlight on our county. If this is something that would be of interest to you, please reach out to Payton Stephens at the Courier: [paytonstephens@thecourier.com](mailto:paytonstephens@thecourier.com).

**Parade:** The village of Mount 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](mailto: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! 😊