

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

March 16, 2022

Good afternoon 4-H Families,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! (just a little early)

WOW! You should see all the amazing 4-H Benefit donations. You have filled our office with fabulous auction items. The Benefit Committee may have a difficult time selecting items for the Live Auction. We are still able to sell tickets through Friday, March 18, for the benefit dinner. All tickets, adult and child, are \$25 each. The dinner is being catered by Special Occasions and includes Italian Chicken, Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad, and Roll. Dessert is being provided by The Baking Critters 4-H Club. We look forward to seeing you April 2 at the Old Mill Stream Centre for a fun filled evening.

We are about halfway enrolled in Hancock County. Thank you to the 575 who have completed your enrollment. If you forgot a project or want to update your profile, please email [me](#) and I can send your enrollment back to you for editing.

In an effort to keep things moving forward as 4-H gears up for the year, I will try to send a 4-H Focus weekly. Along with that though, I apologize upfront for missing the mark at times and thank you for your patience as we work through limited staffing together.

Do you want the latest 4-H Calendar? Go to go.osu.edu/hancock_4hcalendar for the latest date on everything. Anything updated will be in green to easily see the changes.

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.

If you are looking for a downloadable version of the 4-H Focus, please go to <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/clover-connections-newsletter> where you can print the pdf version of this message.

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:

March 16 – Junior Leadership Club – 6:30pm	April 6 – Camp Counselor meeting w/ Seneca County – 6-8pm
March 17 – Shooting Sports Blue Ribbon Meeting – 6:30pm	April 7 – County Cloverbud meeting at the Hancock County Historical Museum – 6:15pm
March 18 – Early Enrollment – Bonus Points for Banner Club	April 7 – Senior Goat Council – 7pm
March 21 – Shooting Sports Information Meeting – 6:30pm	April 11 – Pizza Sales due – noon
March 22 – Endowment Committee – 3pm	April 12 – Sewing Clinic – Tips on How to Decorate a T-Shirt – 6-8pm
March 22 – 4-H Advisory Council – 7pm	April 13 – New Horse Member Orientation – 6pm
March 23 – Camp Counselor Meeting – 6-8pm	April 13 – Horse Council – 7pm
March 24 – Shooting Sports Blue Ribbon Meeting – 6:30pm	April 15 – Camp Scholarship Applications due
March 29 – Quality Assurance – Cory Rawson School – 7pm	April 15 – Ohio State Fair Scholarship due
April 1 – 4-H Enrollment Due, Winning 4-H Plan Due	April 15 – Hancock County Academic and Denise Tebbe Scholarships due
April 2 – Winter Workshop at Camp Ohio for counselors (Optional)	April 15 – Hancock County Office closes at 3pm
April 2 – Hancock County Endowment Banquet & Auction	

PROJECT WORK:

Enroll now for 2022! You can now enroll for this year at oh.4honline.com. Enrollment deadline is April 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please let us know! More information can also be found at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-enrollment-and-completion-requirements>. If you forgot a project or want to update your profile, please email [me](#) and I can send your enrollment back to you for editing.

Do you want to know more about a project? The county handbook is available at go.osu.edu/hancock_handbook. You can also go to Project Central located at go.osu.edu/4hprojectcentral and look up project by subject. Most project have the first 10-12 pages of books there where you can get an idea what the project will be like to complete. Members across the state can leave reviews on the projects and you can decide for yourself if you think it's a project you'd like to take.

Shooting Sports information meetings have begun. If you are considering a shooting sports project, please plan to attend 6:30pm on March 21 at the Hancock County Agriculture Service Center. Current Shooting Sports projects available in Hancock County are: Archery, Crossbow, Living History, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. Come learn the who, the what, the where, and the when.

Shooting Sports Blue Ribbon Meetings – Something new for all Shooting Sports Projects. On March 17 at 6:30pm, they will be discussing your special interest topic report, documenting your progress, and record keeping 101 so bring your project book. There will also be time spent on gun safety and safe gun handling. March 24, also at 6:30pm, topics will include great posters and auxiliary displays that pop, range etiquette and commands, how to work in shooter/coach pairs, and what to wear on the range. Both of these meetings take place at the Extension Office.

Sewing Clinics – Joyce Schroeder, Master Clothing Educator, is offering sewing clinics this year. All clinics are from 6-8pm and are being held at the OSU Extension Office at 7868 County Road 140, Findlay. Be sure bring your adult sewing partner. RSVP to 419-422-3851.

April 12 - Tips on How to Decorate a T-Shirt
May 3 - Sewing Machine License
May 17 - Pattern Layout & Cut | Seam Finish

June 6 - Buttons | Closures | Zippers | Questions
June 21 - Sewing Help Night, Bring judging questions, Narration Sheets

OTHER NOTES:

Club Financial Statements were due on January 31. We are still missing a few clubs. Forms and instructions can be found at https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary?_gl=1%2A1rniurf%2A_ga%2AMTlwNjk5NjIwMi4xNjExMjM4ODU5%2A_ga_4P9WPSHVFC%2AMTY0MTk5ODAzOS40NC4xLjE2NDE5OTgwNTUuMA

4-H Camp Ohio is building a new high ropes course for 2022 and camp needs your help (or anyone who may LOVE 4-H Camp!) Every donation will help youth build confidence, communication, and teamwork as they complete 12 obstacles 30 feet above the ground. For more information and to donate, visit <http://go.osu.edu/campohioropes>. Updates regarding the status for the \$120,000 goal will be posted periodically on 4-H Camp Ohio's Facebook page.

Save the Date on April 2 for the Hancock County 4-H Benefit Dinner. Tickets are available for \$25 per person and must be purchased by March 18. Tables of 6 are available to be reserved. Donations are being accepted until March 11. Contact your advisor with donations or donation ideas. Donations need to be dropped off at the Extension Office by March 11. The Endowment Committee has asked that each club donate 3 items, a ceramic mug with no lid, and a case of bottled water.

4-H Camp Counselors have decided on a theme. *"Gettin' Wild Western Style"*. They are excited and planning and getting ready for you. Keep an eye out for updates. Camp will be June 25-29 this summer.

Camp Scholarship Applications are available. Camp scholarships are due April 15. Scholarships are available at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/applications-and-forms>. Scroll down to April.

Academic Scholarships are available. The Academic Scholarship Application is made possible through the Hancock County 4-H Endowment Fund and the Hancock County Memorial Scholarship Fund AND the Denise Tebbe Memorial Scholarship Application made possible through the Denise Tebbe Memorial Scholarship Fund. They can be found at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/applications-and-forms>. Scroll down to April. All scholarships are due April 15.

Take A Leap - Thanks to a grant from the Ohio 4-H Foundation, "Take a Leap: Career Readiness Day" will be held at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on Saturday, April 2 from 12pm-4pm. This event is open to any 4-H member ages 13-18 and is completely FREE!!! Several Teen Leadership Council members have been planning this event and are excited to facilitate this opportunity for their peers. This day is jam-packed full of opportunities for participants with some highlights listed here:

- Learn about 4-H opportunities at the state level
- Rotate through career preparation workshops covering topics such as resume writing, interview skills, entrepreneurship, goal setting, and more
- Network with peers who are also interested in preparing for their future

Participants can register at go.osu.edu/taketheleap by March 19.

Celebrating 4-H on Earth Day! ODNR is looking to partner with 4-H youth and clubs the weekend of April 22-24 at selected Ohio state parks.

We are encouraging Ohio 4-H'ers to submit proposals to share demonstrations, project work and programs focused on Earth Day appropriate activities. This is a great opportunity to showcase what 4-H is all about!

Clubs and members can find participating parks and apply to present [here](#). Selected projects will be recognized at ODNR's Natural Resources Park at this year's Ohio State Fair.

Read more about it [here](#).

JOANN Promotion - Believe it is or not, it is time for another JOANN promotion. If you are new and not familiar with this, National 4-H has developed a partnership with the company JOANN and we do a campaign each spring to help raise money for 4-H. This year the campaign has already started and will run February 1 – April 30.

Key Info:

- Ohio will receive back 70% of the **in-store** campaign dollars raised.
- Online purchases go back to National 4-H because their system can't track by state.

Ohio 4-H Night and the Dayton Dragons is back. Families can purchase tickets directly at <http://www.go.osu.edu/ohio4hdaytondragons>. Tickets are \$10. The game is at the Day Air Ballpark in downtown Dayton. The game will be on Saturday, May 7 starting at 7:05pm with gates opening at 6pm. Please be sure to line up behind the outfield lawn area (Lawn D) by 6:15pm to participate in a pre-game parade of all the 4-H counties in attendance that evening. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact your Dragon representative: Carl Hertzberg – carl.hertzberg@daytondragons.com.

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser – We are excited to announce we are offering the Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser once again!! Club advisors can pick up packets for your clubs at the extension office. Pizza sales end April 11 so remember to ask your family and friends to help support Hancock County 4-H.

Junior Leadership Meeting – Tonight we will be meeting at On Target Outfitters at 3246 State Route 224, McComb at 6:30pm. Wilderness Survival is the topic. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance of the camp and we will make our way into the camp together. All members 7th grade and up are invited.

LIVESTOCK:

Members with Horse Projects UPDATE from last week!!: It's 2022 and you will **NOT** need to complete Quality Assurance for Horses. You will need to attend a clinic this year with more information to follow.

Quality Assurance will be held March 29 at Cory Rawson School and will begin at 7:00pm. All members with livestock projects are required to complete Quality Assurance. Get this date on your calendar. We are offering 2 sessions this year, March 29 at 7pm and June 4 time TBA.

YQCA: For those of you who have completed their Quality Assurance through the online platform and wish to continue to do so, it will be transitioning to a new platform. **ONLY** members age 12 as of January 1 and older may complete YQCA. In the past, this has been a \$12 course Please see the note below from Lizz Share with regards to the updates of YQCA.

Hello,

If you or family members have elected to use YQCA's online platform to complete your QA this year, we have some important updates:

- YQCA will be transitioning to a new platform. They are preparing for the move to the new platform which will launch on March 23, 2022!

What this means for youth that use YQCA to complete their 2022 QA requirement:

- Each youth that has a current and valid certification (taken from October 1, 2021 to now) will need to download their certificate **before March 23, 2022**.
- Instructions to download your certificate are attached.
- *If you plan to use YQCA but haven't purchased the course, please wait until March 23 when the new platform is launched.* A tour of the new and improved online experience can be found here: <https://yqcaprogram.org/#web>. More information can also be found at their new site: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

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Lamb and Wool Queen Application is available at <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair> for those who are interested. Please read the application for requirements. Applications are due Monday, March 28 by 4pm to the Extension Office or the Senior Fair Office. Interviews will be held Sunday, April 3, before the banquet.

Have a great rest of your week and stay safe.