

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

March 30, 2022

Good afternoon 4-H Families,

WOW!! What a great turnout at Quality Assurance last evening. There were 287 members who completed their quality assurance requirement at Cory Rawson. It was great to see all your smiling faces after a couple years of zoom QA meetings. We apologize to those we had to turn away as they were late. Quality Assurance is a requirement. You must be on time and stay for its entirety for it to count. See under the Quality Assurance heading for more opportunities to complete your requirement if you missed last night.

How are your Little Caesars Pizza Sales going? You have until April 11. Remember checks are to be made payable to your club.

We are getting closer to completing enrollment in Hancock County. Remember, 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 30 – Safe Use of Guns Workshop – 6:30pm	April 13 – New Horse Member Orientation – 6pm
April 1 – 4-H Enrollment Due, Winning 4-H Plan Due	April 13 – Horse Council – 7pm
April 2 – Winter Workshop at Camp Ohio for counselors (Optional)	April 15 – Camp Scholarship Applications due
April 2 – Hancock County Endowment Banquet & Auction	April 15 – Ohio State Fair Scholarship due
April 6 – Camp Counselor meeting w/ Seneca County – 6-8pm	April 15 – Hancock County Academic and Denise Tebbe Scholarships due
April 7 – County Cloverbud meeting at the Hancock County Historical Museum – 6:15pm	April 15 – Hancock County Office closes at 3pm
April 7 – Senior Goat Council – 7pm	April 20 – 4-H Advisory Council Awards Committee Meeting
April 11 – Pizza Sales due – noon	April 20 – Junior Leadership Club – 7pm
April 12 – Sewing Clinic – Tips on How to Decorate a T-Shirt – 6-8pm	April 22-23 Camp Counselor Workshop
	April 27 – Camp Counselor Meeting

CONGRATUALIONS MEMBERS:

Congratulations to the following members who were selected by the State 4-H Achievement Award Selection! When you see these members, be sure to congratulate them on their achievements!

Anna Conley – National 4-H Dairy Conference Award Winner
Jacob Deiter – Shooting Sports Award Winner
Madison Feller – Dairy Award Winner
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Allyson Patterson – Leadership First Alternate
Allyson Patterson – Companion Animals First Alternate
Zachary Romero – State Junior Fair Board Award Winner
Grant Welte – Citizenship & Community Service Second Alternate

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 and missed the meetings, please contact us at 419-422-3851 for assistance. Current Shooting Sports projects available in Hancock County are: Archery, Crossbow, Living History, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun.

Dates for each discipline are (subject to change at a moment's notice):

Archery – March 27 @ 2pm, April 8 @ 7pm, April 9 @ 10am, April 22 @ 7pm, April 29 @ 7pm, April 30 @ 10am, May 13 @ 7pm, and June 11 @ 10am.

Pistol – April 1 @ 6pm, April 15 @ 6pm, May 6 @ 6pm, May 20 @ 6pm, June 3 @ 6pm, June 17 @ 6pm, June 24 @ 6pm, July 1 @ 6pm. Also June 18 @ 10am.

Rifle – Sunday afternoons 5-7pm – April 10 & 24, May 1, 15 & 22, June 5, 12 & 26.

Shotgun – Sunday evenings 7-9pm – April 10 & 24, May 1, 15 & 22, June 5, 12 & 26.

Safe Use of Guns – Members taking their first shooting sports project, come tonight to the Extension Office and complete your Safe Use of Guns workshop. This is a requirement you must complete before hitting the range. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

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:

Hancock County 4-H Benefit Dinner. We hope you have your tickets. There are so many great items ready for the auction. See you Saturday evening at the Old Mill Stream Centre for a fun evening.

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. Checks are to be made out to your club. Your friends and family may pay with credit or debit card online using fundraiser ID #404633 at www.pizzakit.com. Click on “Products” then “Shop” and the purchaser must provide the seller’s name (your name) before checkout. All items will be delivered the week of May 2. We will have the exact date for you after orders are turned in.

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.

Junior Leadership Meeting – April 20 at 7pm. Communicate! We will meet at the extension office and learn how to promote yourself. Be a better interviewer. Lead by Hancock County Alumna, Megan (May) James. All members 7th grade and up are invited.

4-H Camp Counselors have decided on a theme. *"Gettin' Wild Western Style"*. They are excited and planning and getting ready for you. Camp will be June 25-29 this summer. Get your scholarship application completed and turned in. Registration will begin in May. Camp will be \$200 for 4-H members and \$250 for non-4-H member if registered by May 27. After May 27, all camp registration will be \$250.

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.

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.

Van Buren State Park Birding Opportunities for 4-H Clubs – Message from Becky Curtis. Please contact Becky for more information at 419-957-1096 or Becky.Curtis@dnr.ohio.gov

We are trying to contact those we think may benefit most from a new program we are starting. We have a volunteer who is state certified in birding. With the upcoming migration he is wanting to lead several hikes to point out birds. He also will touch on tree identification and animal identification found on the hike. Pending weather, there are several dates available. Hopefully, one will work for you. This is a great opportunity for 4-H clubs to learn more about wildlife in our own county. We can also provide community service opportunities for your club.

Morning hikes: start as early as 8am. Hikes take approximately one hour (give or take questions). We can also schedule activities with our naturalist in a shelter house if you would like to add that as well. Feel free to pack lunches and continue to hike and picnic after your morning hike. Pick a time that works for you.

Typically, birds are more active in the morning. -- Friday May 13th, Friday May 20th
Evening Hikes: Hikes will take approx. an hour. -- Monday May 17th at 7:00pm

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me. If those dates do not work and you have another day that works better please let me know and we can see what we can do.

LIVESTOCK:

Cross Bred Dairy Feeder Show: Hancock County Fair 2022 will have a new cross bred (dairy & beef) show. The sign up will be the same as it would be for the dairy feeder show. The show will be on the same day as the dairy feeders. Contact Josh Boes for any questions at 419-721-8550.

Members with Horse Projects: It's 2022 and you will not need to complete Quality Assurance for Horses. You will need to attend a clinic this year. More information to follow.

New Horse Member Orientation – MANDATORY – April 13 at 6pm. Come to the Extension Office and complete your required orientation. Horse Council will follow at 7pm.

Quality Assurance – All members with livestock projects are required to complete Quality Assurance. You must be on time and stay for the entire meeting. Our final session will be June 4 with the time TBA after our new 4-H Educator is here. If June 4 doesn't work in your schedule, please feel free to contact one of the surrounding counties and check when their QA meetings are. Remember YQCA is also an option for anyone 12 and older as of January 1 of the current year.

YQCA: ONLY members 12 years old or older as of January 1 may complete YQCA. In the past, this has been a \$12 course. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> and find more information under MORE INFO >> YOUTH & PARENTS. Remember, we do not accept the "Test-out" version of YQCA and only members 12 years old and older as of January 1 may complete YQCA. Once you have completed your YQCA, email your certificate to me at biery.12@osu.edu to fulfill your QA requirement.

Have a great rest of your week and stay safe.