

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

September 21, 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

Good Afternoon! Hopefully your week has been going well! It is time for another weekly 4-H Focus! Please be sure to check out what is approaching in the coming months.

With that, did you know that today is National Pecan Cookie Day?

Pecans are the only major tree nut that grows naturally in North America! The name "pecan" is a Native American word used to describe- all nuts require a stone to crack!



4 Fun Facts about Pecans!

- 1) The United States is the world's leading producer of pecans!
- 2) Albany, Georgia is the pecan capital of America! They are home to more than 600,000 pecan trees.
- 3) Pecans are not actually a nut- they are a fruit!
- 4) Pecans are healthy- they are packed with vitamins, minerals, and healthy fats!

If you will be taking time to bake either today or this weekend, be sure to enjoy yourself a Pecan Cookie!

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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DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 20-22 Farm Science Review
September 21 Jr. Leadership Mtg, 7pm
September 26 Outstanding 4-Her Interviews
September 27 4-H Advisory Council Mtg, 7pm
October 2-8 National 4-H Week
October 2 Jr. Fairboard Mtg. 2pm
October 6 County Cloverbuds, 6:15pm

October 6 Sr. Goat Council Mtg, 7pm
October 18 Celebration of 4-H, 7-8:30pm
October 19 Horse Council Mtg, 7pm
October 19 Jr. Leadership Club, 7pm
October 21 JFB Applications Due
October 27 JFB Interviews
November 1 JFB Interviews

PROJECT WORK:

County Cloverbuds: Will be visiting and exploring a pumpkin patch on October 6 at the Homestead Fall Farm in Alvada! RSVP by October 4 to 419-422-3851 if you and your adult are able to attend.

Calf Club: Now is the time to sign up for Calf Club! Calf Club is a finished steer project, where calves are drawn at random. Those calves are then brought to the fair and shown as a finished steer project in their own class. If you are interested in Calf Club or have questions, please contact Levi Beagle at lbeagle86@gmail.com or 419-722-5136.

OTHER NOTES:

Save the Date! The Celebration of 4-H will be on October 18 from 7-8:30pm at the Old Mill Stream Centre at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. More details will be coming soon!

Volunteer Nominations: We have some special nominations coming up. 4-H Hall of Fame, 4-H Alumni, and Outstanding Service to 4-H Award nominations are due October 7. What are these awards?

- *Hancock County 4-H Hall of Fame* – This award is presented to an individual, group of individuals, or business that has made a lasting impact on the Hancock County 4-H program.
- *Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award* – This award is presented to an individual, or individuals, who was a 4-H member and has made significant contributions to the 4-H program in Hancock County.
- *Outstanding Service to 4-H Award* – This award is presented to an individual, group of individuals, or business – which was not a 4-H member, but has made significant contributions to the 4-H program in Hancock County.

To download the nomination form, click here:

https://hancock.osu.edu/sites/hancock/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Forms/Nomination%20Form%20for%20Advisor%20Awards.pdf

JUNIOR FAIR:

Junior Fair Board Application: Are you interested in becoming a Junior Fair Board Member?

Applications can be found at <https://hancockfairgrounds.org/jr-fair-board-members/>

Applications are due October 21. Interviews will be held October 27 and November 1. Return completed forms to the Hancock County Junior Fair Office no later than October 21.

Livestock Sale Thank You: Remember to write your Thank You to your livestock sale buyer.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Popcorn Fundraiser: It is back!! This fundraiser is starting September 20 and running through October 13. The delivery date is November 10. If you or your club needs an order form, be sure to stop by our office to grab one!

Adopt a Bench: Hancock Hareraisers 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.

Have a great rest of the week! 😊