

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

September 28, 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

Good Afternoon! Summer is officially over, and we are now into the Fall season. Soon the temperatures will be decreasing more but that is not slowing down the heat of excitement for 4-H. Check out what is going to be happening in the coming weeks.



With the fall season here, that brings the love for Pumpkins! Pumpkin Pie, Pumpkin lattes, Pumpkins for decorating and so much more!

- 🍂 There are more than 45 different varieties of pumpkins.
- 🍂 The United States produces more than 1 billion pounds of pumpkins each year.
- 🍂 The word "pumpkin" showed up for the first time in the fairy tale movie Cinderella.
- 🍂 On average a pumpkin can contain around having 500 seeds inside

Will you be enjoying something pumpkin flavored or shopping around for pumpkins this week or coming weekend?

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 30 JFB Applications Due
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! Remember to 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.

Camp Counselor Applications will be posted and sent out soon! If interested, please keep an eye out! You must be at least 14 years as of January 1, 2023.

Dairy Beef Projects/ Open to everyone in 4-H: The dairy beef youth boosters have an upcoming meeting November 6 at 6:30 pm held at the OSU extension office. Dr. Dan Linden from OSU ATI will be joining the meeting to speak about careers in agriculture esp. but not limited to the beef industry. Please share with everyone; this is open to ALL!

The future of agriculture can be found in every department and still project in FFA and 4-H. We would love everyone to take advantage of bringing ATI close to home to answer all questions.

OTHER NOTES:

Save the Date! The Celebration of 4-H will be on October 18 from 7-8:30pm at the Ole Millstream Centre at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

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. Our office is asking each club to each make 1 total nomination for these awards.

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.

A NOTE FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS:

News from the Livestock Sale Office: While buyers have been sent invoices from the Livestock Auction and payments are being sent in, checks to the youth, however, will not be available for the Celebration of 4-H on October 18. According to the fair book: "Livestock Sale payments will be given to the exhibitor once the accounts are settled; records are complete and all buyer funds are collected." The Sale Office will remain in communication with the Extension Office for updates as the process continues. Please contact the Sale Office with any questions you may have at robin.munck@hancockfairgrounds.org or 419-957-8681

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Popcorn Fundraiser: It is back!! This fundraiser will be starting September 20 and running through October 13. The delivery date will be November 10. If you or your club is needing 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! 😊