

# 4-H Focus Newsletter

Hancock County 4-H

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August 2023



## Hello 4-H Families!

Welcome to the month of August!

The countdown to the Hancock County Fair is officially on and we are under 30 days to go! With 4-H being in full swing and switching to fair mode there are bound to be questions in this edition of the newsletter, we ask that you please take a moment to read (and double check when reading) as we have many important items and detailed information to share with you and your family!

As always,  
Our office wishes you the best! 😊

# Welcome To Our New Employees!

Our office has recently hired 2 new employees and we give them both a big warm welcome!



Edyn “Edy” Gierke has accepted the 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant position! Edy was an 11 year 4-H member of the Prospector’s 4-H Club taking project that ranged from health to cooking to natural resources and shooting sports.

Edy has lived in Hancock County for most of her life and graduated from Saint Wendelin High School. After high school, Edy graduated with an Associate of Science Degree from Terra State Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a focus in Supply Chain Management and Logistics from Purdue Global.

Edy currently resides in Findlay with her husband Marcus who she has been married to since 2021.

Edy is looking forward to working in 4-H/Youth Development to give opportunities and experiences to members of Hancock County and surrounding areas similar to what she received when she was a 4-H member. You may have seen her at Clothing/Food and Nutrition Judging or Make-Up Judging but she will also be around to meet members, volunteers, and their families at Livestock Evaluation and the Hancock County Fair.

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Phyllis Panning joined the OSU Extension Office in Hancock County on July 3, 2023, as Office Services Coordinator. She will be working three days a week in the office and will be responsible for fiscal reporting, reconciling, and accounts payable along with providing administrative support to Agriculture and Natural Resource and Family Consumer Science programs.

Phyllis is a resident of Hancock County and is originally from Putnam County, where she helped on the family farm. She graduated from Ottawa-Glandorf High School and the University of Northwestern Ohio with a degree in Business Administration and began a career at Cooper Tire providing administrative support in Truck Tire Engineering, Product Development, Corporate Engineering, Legal, Corporate Controller, Accounting & Finance, and Technical. Her last assignment was Engineering Co-Op Program Coordinator in the Technical Center. She retired from Cooper Tire on March 31, 2023; after 40 years with the company.

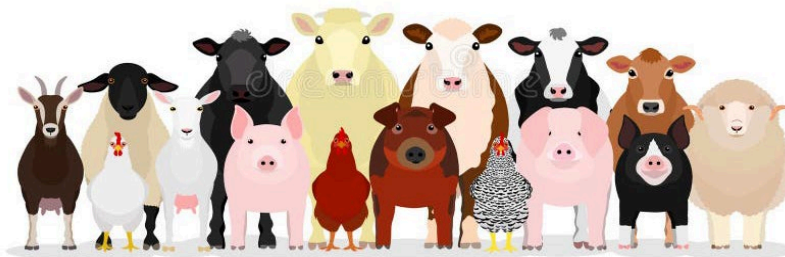


Phyllis resides in Findlay with her husband Mark. Their family includes three sons, two daughters-in-law, and one granddaughter: Aaron, Rachel, and Lucy; Lucas and Allison; and Caleb Panning.

# Livestock Evaluations and Interviews- NEW FOR 2023!

The date has been set for Monday, August 7 from 9-4pm and will be held at the fairgrounds. We will be trying a new process- please read carefully!

Check-In will be held in the NWO Show Arena where members will then sit in their specie specific waiting area. Interviews will be held in the Legacy building. Once the interview have been completed, the member will then proceed to the check out station. Skillathon stations will be OPTIONAL but still encouraged for members to participate.



## Interview Judging- What to expect!

- Interviews will be in 15 minutes intervals.
- Project Books **MUST** be completed to your best ability.
  - Feed Tag and Pictures are REQUIRED!
- Dress Code Requirements- You are to wear what you would wear the day of the show and look presentable.
  - Dairy- White Pants and a White Shirt
  - Goats- Jeans, collared dress shirt with sleeves
    - Dairy Goat Exhibitors- White pants and a white shirt
  - Beef- Jeans, collared shirt
  - Dairy Feeders- Jeans, fair sponsored t-shirt
    - New Exhibitors- Jeans and collared shirt with sleeves (long or short)
  - Swine- Jeans, collared shirt with sleeves (long or short)
  - Sheep- Jeans, collared shirt with sleeves (long or short)
  - Rabbits- Jeans, Long sleeve shirt, preferably white. May also wear a lab coat
  - Poultry- Jeans, long sleeve shirt, preferably white. May also wear a lab coat.
  - Dog- Dress clothes
  - Dog Agility- 4-H t-shirt, shorts or pants and tennis shoes
- Shoes (except for Dogs) should be hard-soled or boots. NO slides, NO sandals

## Beef Feeder Tag In

August 8 from 7-8pm at the Fairgrounds.

Reminder to bring \$10 for mulch. Cash or Checks accepted and can be wrote to: Hancock County Ag Society



## Rabbit Ear Tattooing



August 7 from 6-8pm at the Fairgrounds. Contact Bev Welty for questions.

## Non-Livestock Project Winners!

All results from Judging Day 1 and Day 2 can be found on our website under the Judging Information and Results Tab.

Also can use the link below!

Link: <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/judging-contest-results>



Wishing all of our 4-H members that are participating and attending the Ohio State Fair the best of luck with their projects!

Results can be found on the Ohio State Fair website.

Link:  
<https://ohio4h.org/ohiostatefair/2023-results>

## Cloverbud Graduation



Mark those calendars as Cloverbud Graduation is all set to take place on Sunday, September 3 starting at 2:00pm in the Old Mill Stream Centre. We ask that you please RSVP to our office if your Cloverbud will be attending the graduation ceremony.

### Fair Booth Set-Up in the Youth Pavilion!

We hope your club has started thinking and putting together great Advisors, please on the watch your email with reminders and the booth layout map. Coming Soon!

Allotted Times for Booth Set-Up will be:

- Saturday, August 26 9am-4pm
- Sunday, August 27 1pm-5pm
- Monday, August 28 4-6pm

**ALL Booths MUST be fully completed and in place by 6pm on Monday!**

## Outstanding 4-Her and Danforth Nominees

Nominations are due to our office on August 11 by 4:00pm. If you have members you wish to nominate, call or email our office.

### Staffing of the Youth Building

Every club that has a fair booth **MUST** take a shift watching our building. This is an easy task and will only require 2 hours of your time! Contact our office this way we can get your club on the booth staffing schedule!

## Attention Graduating Seniors!

You should have received a letter in the mail requesting information for the senior display. Please submit a picture of your first year in 4-H, a current photo, and the biography page to our office by August 11, 4pm.

### Junior Fair Tickets

All 4-H Members who completed their project(s) will receive their fair ticket once advisors receive them from the Hancock County Fair Ticket Office. They will again be digital this year. If you do not receive a ticket by Monday, August 28, please contact the fair office for assistance.

### Important Dates:

August 6 Dairy Beef Booster Meeting  
August 7 Livestock Interviews 9am-4pm  
August 7 Rabbit Tattoo 6-8pm  
August 8 Beef Feeder Tag In 7-8pm  
August 9 Horse Council  
August 11 Nominations for the Danforth and Outstanding 4-Her Due  
August 15 Make-Up Livestock Interviews  
August 26 Booth Set-Up 9am -4pm  
August 27 Booth Set-Up 1-5pm  
August 28 Booth Set-Up 4-6pm  
August 29 Move In and Weigh In for Livestock  
August 29 Open Ceremonies at the Fair  
August 30-September 4 Hancock County Fair

September 3 Cloverbud Graduation  
September 4 OFFICE CLOSED  
September 4 Projects Released from Youth Building 6-8pm  
September 5 Projects Released from Youth Building 1-5pm  
September 15 All Clubs Awards Due by 4:30pm to OSU Office  
September 26 Advisory Council Meeting 7pm



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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.