

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

February 2, 2023

Hello 4-H Families!

Happy Thursday! As we have entered into the month of February, this is the start of new changes taking place for the 4-H program.

First change will be starting today, you will only receive the 4-H Focus newsletter once a month.

Next, **THANK YOU** to all my volunteers/advisors that were able to attend the kickoff training. If you were unable to make either training night, please contact our office. Which leads me into the next section, below are questions that were asked at the training with the answers that I was to receive.



Question 1:

- *With the state requirement of holding a minimum of 6 regular business meetings, how do we keep track of that? How do you know if our club is holding atleast 6 meetings.*

Answer 1:

- *ALL Clubs **MUST** have atleast 6 meetings and a great way to keep track is by using attendance sheets. This is something that the club Secertary can do each meeting by incorporating a fun roll call question. You can find attendance pages in the Secertary binder.*
- *Honesty and Trust is what will be used when holding 6 meetings. You also will report the dates of your meetings when turning in your club paperwork to our office. There will be random check-ins by myself along with a state 4-H representative throughtout the year.*

Question 2:

- What determines a club meeting/ how long do meetings need to last in order to count “as a meeting”.

Answer 2:

- Please see and use the The 4-H Club Meeting Wheel. This provides a layout for a 60 minute meeting and the best ways to use your time wisely.



- Make sure your 4-H club meetings include a balance of recreation, education, and business. These components do not have to be sequential but can intertwine throughout the club gathering.

Question 3:

- When should we start meeting/ when do the 6 business meetings need to take place? Is there a certain time frame that the 6 meetings need to be completed by?

Answer 3:

- This is 100% up to the advisors of the club. When planning your calendar year, it is strongly recommended that you provide enough meetings for your members to make 6. We know sports, life, etc. can take over which leads to members having to miss club meetings. A “calendar year” is November 1 – October 31.
- There is not a specific time frame necessarily but strongly recommended that the start of meetings begin once the advisor(s) are trained and entered into 4-H Online. I am

recommending that you have your 6 meetings completed before the start of the Hancock County Fair.

Question 4:

- *When it comes nominating adults for the 4-H Hall of Fame, Alumni Award, and Outstanding Service to 4-H Award who is all able to be nominated for that?*

Answer 4:

- *The 4-H Hall of Fame and Outstanding Service to 4-H Awards are open to any of our volunteers and advisors that are active in the Hancock County 4-H program. The Alumni Award is only available to those who were in 4-H as a youth.*

Reminders from Kickoff:

- If your club is needing additional printed Handbooks please let our office know by April 1.
- For Quality Assurance taking place March 29 at Liberty-Benton High School encourage your members to arrive early as the doors will lock at 7:01pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February- QA Test Out Month- Call Ahead!

February 2 Cloverbud Meeting, 6:15pm

February 5 Dairy Beef Youth Boosters
Meeting, 6:30pm

February 6 Club Audit Statements Due

February 7 Informational Specie Mtg,
7pm

February 12 Jr. Fairboard Mtg, 2pm

February 13 New Volunteer Orientation,
7pm

February 15 Safe Use of Guns Mtg, 7pm

February 17 Sewing Clinic 6-8pm

February 22 Horse Council Mtg, 7pm

PROJECT WORK:

4-H Online: It is time to start re-enrolling or enrolling for the new 4-H year!!

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.

4-H Project Books: New Price! All project books are \$8.00. Our office accepts cash or check. Checks made payable to OSU Extension- Hancock County.

Cloverbud Training: Cloverbud training will be held at L.E.A.D. Conference. We ask that all new and returning Cloverbud volunteers attend. We want to make sure everyone is on the same page, share ideas, and be able to Cloverbud network to each of you.

Club Financial Statements: Last Call!! Submit the needed information by February 6 at 4:00pm.

Volunteer Rescreening: Please complete ASAP if you received a letter from our office. Due February 15. Not completed by then you will be marked as an incomplete and moved into the archived section in 4-H Online.

Horse Projects: DATE CHANGE!! The February Horse Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22 at the Hancock County Senior Fair Office starting at 7:00pm.

EquiSTEP: NEW for 2023!! Is a mandatory requirement for all horse club project members participating in the Hancock County Horse Program. The EquiSTEP certificate of completion is due to the Extension Office on June 1 at 4:00pm. The online training can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2023> .

Dairy Beef Youth Boosters: The next meeting will be taking place this Sunday, February 5 at 6:30pm at the OSU Extension Office. Guest Speaker, Colton Tom will teach us the tricks of the trade for showing beef cattle. Colton is the co-manager and coach of the University of Findlay's show cattle team.

JUNIOR FAIR UPDATES:

2023 Fair Theme: " Once upon a time at the Hancock County Fair."

Wanting to take a livestock project such as Rabbits, Chickens, Turkeys, Goats, Dairy Feeders, Sheep and Horses to the Hancock County Fair and wanting to learn more about these individual projects? Be sure to take part in the new Informational night taking place at the OSU Extension office Tuesday, February 7 starting at 7:00pm.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Want to Raise a Little DOUGH??

Be sure to mark your calendars, come out and support the Hancock County 4-H community at Pieology Pizzeria for 4-H Night!

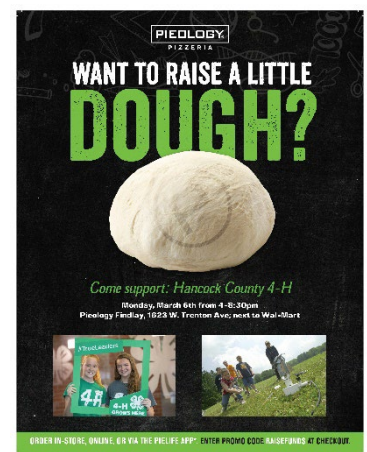
Date: Monday, March 6 from 4-8:30pm!

Please share and spread the word as we want to show our 4-H Spirit!

Dine-in and carry out options are available! **NOT** accepted sales include DoorDash and Grubhub orders.

Beekeeping Class: The Northwest Ohio Beekeeping Association will be hosting a 1-day class for those that are interested in getting started in beekeeping. This will take place Saturday, February 11 starting at 9:00am till 4:00pm at the Putnam County extension office. The cost is \$40.00. To learn more, contact our office.

4-H Endowment Auction: Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1 (this is not an April fool's joke) as this will be an evening that we can all come together and celebrate the 4-H Community! Tickets will be \$25.00 a person and can be purchased at the extension office. Doors will open at



5:00pm with dinner to start at 6:00pm. Silent Auction tables will close at 6:30pm and the live auction will follow.

We are asking for help from each of our clubs in contributing the following items: 1 case of water, 3 silent auction items, and 1 coffee mug with NO lid. Items can be dropped off to the extension office by March 10.

Hockey Game: The Toledo Walleye will host the FIRST EVER 4H and FFA Nights this season! We are excited to have these organizations join us in the arena and would love your support in getting the word out to different clubs and chapters. These specialty nights will be held on Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th. A \$19 ticket allows groups to join in on an exclusive pregame open skate and group seating for the Walleye game. We also will be offering hotdog or pizza vouchers as well for an additional cost. To make your reservation, please email an estimated number of seats you would like us to hold for your group! A final number and payment will not be due until 2 weeks before your selected game. For clubs or chapters that do not want to book as a whole group I have created a link where families can purchase the discounted ticket separately. (<https://fevo.me/4h-ffa>) My name is Maddie Recker, and my number is (419) 725-9271. We hope to fill the arena with these wonderful youth organizations!

Saturday March 25th- \$19 ticket includes open Skate and Walleye Game

- Pregame open skate between 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Gates open at 6:00 pm
- Game starts at 7:15 pm

Sunday March 26th- \$19 ticket includes open Skate and Walleye Game

- Pregame open skate between 12:00 pm - 3:15 pm
- Gates open at 4:00 pm
- Game starts at 5:15 pm

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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