

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

January 11, 2023

Hello 4-H Families!

Happy Wednesday! Hopefully everyone is having a good week so far and was able to start their morning off with a glass of milk as today is National Milk Day!

January 11 commemorates the day of when many think the delivery of milk in glass bottles began in the United States. Alexander Campbell of the New York Dairy Company professed to the senate that his company was the first to make deliveries in 1878.

Throughout the world more than 6 billion people consume milk and the products made from milk, as milk provides strong nutrients of calcium, potassium, vitamin 12, and vitamin A.



Which leads me into the question that I had asked last week, “What sparks you this coming year?”

Today’s spark story comes from Jenny Welte as her spark this is being able to share her favorite 4-H Camp song “Ohio Born”.

As today is National Milk Day, we strongly suggest while we are attending 4-H camp for all of our campers and counselor to drink milk and of course always take part in signing songs!

Be sure to share with us your story of “What sparks you!”

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

Jan 11	Horse Council Mtg, 7:00pm	Jan 21	Horse Council Awards Banquet
Jan 15	Camp Counselor Mtg, 2:00pm	Jan 23	Shooting Sports Information Kickoff, 7:00pm
Jan 16	OFFICE CLOSED	Jan 24	Advisory Council Mtg, 7:00pm
Jan 17	Shooting Sports Information Kickoff, 7:00pm	Jan 25	State Achievement Forms Due
Jan 18	Make It and Take It Sewing Clinic, 6:00pm	Jan 25	New Volunteer Applications due
Jan 20	Ohio 4-H Conference Registration Due	Jan 28	Volunteer/Advisor Kickoff, 9:00am-12:00pm
		Jan 31	Club Financial Forms Due

PROJECT WORK:

4-H Calendar: The calendar is completed and ready for you! This can be found on our website under the Calendar tab.

4-H Online: It is time to start re-enrolling or enrolling for the new 4-H year!! Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you have any questions at all, please contact the office and we will be happy to assist you.

4-H Project Books: Effective immediately, all project books will now be \$8. Any other books, sold for more than the previous \$6, may or may not have changed in price. If you have questions, contact the office prior to purchasing. We accept cash or check.

Shooting Sports: Have interest in participating in any of the projects this year and wanting to learn more? Be sure to attend one of the Informational Kickoff meetings that will be held Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00pm OR Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm at the OSU Extension Office. We will introduce instructors and volunteer staff, explain participation rules, and show off some new training technology. If you have project questions, we'll help you find something that fits your needs. Schedules are also available so you know where and when to show up.

Sewing Clinics: The first clinic, "Make It and Take It" will be held Wednesday, January 18 starting at 6:00pm here at the OSU Extension Office. This is open to all our community 4-H families. We ask that you bring 1 yard of fleece material of your choice and your sewing machine. Please contact our office at 419-422-3851 to reserve your spot!

OTHER NOTES:

New Volunteers: All applications are due to our office by January 25, 2023!

Volunteer/Advisor Kickoff: Mark your calendars!! Dates are set for: Saturday, January 28 from 9-12 OR Wednesday, February 1 from 6-8. Both events will be held here at the extension office.

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, ideas shared, and the Cloverbud Network available to each of you.

Club Financial Statements: Organizational advisors please be sure to submit the needed information by February 6 at 4:00pm.

4-H Advisory Council Members: To all new and returning members, please be sure get your list of committee's preferences to Lauren ASAP.

Volunteer Rescreening: Information has been sent out to those advisors that are needing to have an update completed. Be sure to submit your receipt for reimbursement to our office.

JUNIOR FAIR:

Rabbit Projects: Changes for 2023!! The state has updated the rabbit books! We have new numbers and a new project book. Once they are available, you will be able to stop in and decide which project you are interested in. Here are your options:

Project Number	Project Name	County Judging	State Fair	County Fair
228BR	Rabbit Breeding	August 7	Member makes state fair entry	Rabbit shows at fair
228MA	Rabbit Market	August 7	Member makes state fair entry	Rabbit shows at fair
228PE	Rabbit Pet	July 6	Member must be selected during July 6 judging day to attend state fair	Rabbit does <u>NOT</u> show at fair. Educational display in club booth

Market Hog Projects: Changes for 2023!!

- 1) New hog weights for the 2023 fair- Minimum weight is 215 and Maximum weight is 285.
- 2) Market hogs can be farrowed on or AFTER January 1.

Market Beef Projects DNA Kits/EID Tags: The Ohio State Fair DNA Sample Collection Kits and Cards are now available and ready for pick up at our office. These Kits and Cards **MUST** be received to the Ohio State Fair by January 15, 2023.

Horse Projects: The end of the year banquet will be held January 21 at the Fostoria YMCA. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Be sure to bring a dish to share, your own drinks, and \$25 in door prizes.

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. Online training can be found at <https://go.osu.edu/equistep2023>

Shooting Sports Projects: Are you ready to test your shooting sports knowledge? The National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl is now open for registration! You can register as a team consisting of 3 or 4 members- cost \$40.00, or you can also register as an individual- cost \$10.00.

This event will be held January 16-20. Here is the link to register:
<https://4-hshootingsports.org/quiz-bowl-study-materials/>



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Safe Use of Guns for Women: Safe Use of Guns for Women is an opportunity for you, our female community members, to find out about guns and explore how to safely use and store them. This program will be taught with the same safety information our 4-H members receive during their Safe Use of Guns training that is required before they can step on the range. This free program will explore the history and technology of guns in common use. You will also explore the proper storage and transportation of guns and how to safely use them. If you are wondering if shooting sports might fit in your life, come, explore, and learn January 31 at 7:00pm at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center.

Ohio 4-H Conference: Will be taking place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on March 11, 2023. Registrations are due to the Extension Office by January 20 by 4:00pm. For more information, please visit <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>.

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

Have a great rest of your week! 😊