

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

January 19, 2023

Hello 4-H Families!

Happy Thursday and Happy National Popcorn Day! Can I get a raise of hands on who also enjoys a warm bag of buttery popcorn!?

Have you ever wondered how the word popcorn came about? The word “corn” in Old English meant “grain” or, more specifically known as the most prominent grain grown in a region. Native Americans soon then introduce their most common grain to early Europeans, who then applied the word “corn.”



As early as the 16th century, the Aztecs used popcorn in headdresses worn during ceremonies honoring Tlaloc, their god of maize and fertility. Early Spanish explorers were fascinated by the corn that burst into what looked like a white flower.

Popcorn started becoming popular in the United States in the middle 1800s. It wasn't until Charles Cretors, a candy-store owner, developed a machine for popping corn with steam that the tasty treat became more abundantly poppable. By 1900 he had horse-drawn popcorn wagons going through the streets of Chicago.

This time-honored snack can be sweet or savory, caramelized, buttered or plain, molded into a candied ball, or tossed with nuts and chocolate.

As you start to think and look ahead to the upcoming volunteer/advisor kickoff we will be moving forward and training all our volunteers/advisors who are “*Leaders that are Popping Up into 4-H!*”

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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18 Make It and Take It Sewing
Clinic, 6:00pm
January 20 Ohio 4-H Conference
Registration Due
January 21 Horse Council Awards Banquet
January 23 Shooting Sports Information
Kickoff, 7:00pm
January 24 Advisory Council Mtg, 7:00pm

January 25 State Achievement Forms Due
January 25 New Volunteer Applications
due
January 28 Volunteer/Advisor Kickoff,
9:00am-12:00pm
January 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/#/user/sign-in>. 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 the kickoff on Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm at the OSU Extension Office.

Sewing Clinics: The first clinic, "Make It and Take It" will be held tonight 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.

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. Moving forward into 2023 it is now a mandatory state requirement for all volunteers and/or advisors to remain active and in good standing and MUST attend an annual training. The annual training must be a minimum of 2- hours, along with completing Policy 1.50 Youth Protection Training.

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: 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 to get your list of committee's preferences to Lauren ASAP. Reminder the first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24 at the extension office. New members are asked to arrive by 6:30pm with the meeting starting at 7:00pm.

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:

Horse Projects: The end of the year banquet will be held this Saturday, 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.

EquiSTEPS: 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>.

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: Registrations are due to the Extension Office by January 20 by 4:00pm! This event will be taking place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on March 11. For more information, please visit <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>. This is a great conference for advisors to attend and take away an arrangement of educational programs for your club.



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.

Have a great rest of your week! 😊