

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

January 4, 2023

Hello 4-H Families and Welcome to the New Year!!

I hope you all had an excellent Holiday season! As we begin the 2023 4-H year, I would like to ask of you, members and volunteers, "What sparks you this coming year?"

I am encouraging you to send me an inspirational quote or a fun fact about something that gets you excited about 4-H! This could be something general about 4-H, an experience over the years that you have had, a quote that stands out to you or have been told by a family member, a coach, or even from another 4-H advisor or volunteer.



As an example, I will start this weeks 4-H focus off with my very own inspirational quote.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams."

Please take time to read below as we have a few reminders along with upcoming events that you will not want to miss.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 7	Market Steer Tag-In, 9am-11am	Jan 21	Horse Council Awards Banquet
Jan 11	Horse Council Mtg, 7pm	Jan 23	Shooting Sports Information Kickoff, 7pm
Jan 15	Camp Counselor Mtg, 2pm	Jan 24	Advisory Council Mtg, 7pm
Jan 16	OFFICE CLOSED	Jan 25	New Volunteer Applications due
Jan 17	Shooting Sports Information Kickoff, 7pm	Jan 28	Volunteer Advisor Kickoff, 9am-12pm
Jan 18	Make It and Take It Sewing Clinic, 6pm		

PROJECT WORK:

4-H Online: Now is the time to start re-enrolling or enrolling for the new 4-H year!! This is open to all advisors, volunteers, and members. 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: The cost of project books is changing. Effective immediately, all books previously sold for \$6 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 as always, we accept cash or check.

4-H Project Updates: We have some new project choices for you this year. The books are not available yet, but we are told they will be soon. Also check the following list for revised projects and discontinued projects.

New Projects

- Your Feelings Matter
- You're Hired!
- Robotics Essentials
- Ready, Set,... Mow!
- Digital Media (idea starter)

Revised or Replaced Projects

- Rabbit Project and Record Book (Breeding, Market, Pet)
- Cooking on My Own (You're the Chef)

Discontinued

- Horse Nutrition
- Robotics 1 with EV3
- Robotics 2: EV3N More

OTHER NOTES:

Club Financial Statements: CHANGE FOR 2023!! We will be conducting club audits for all 4-H clubs this year. Organizational advisors please be sure to submit the needed information by February 6 at 4:00pm.

New Volunteers: Do you want to join our 4-H team and be a volunteer? Be sure to contact our office for more information. All applications are due to our office by January 25, 2023!

Volunteer Rescreening: Information has been sent out to those advisors who need to be rescreened. Keep an eye out in your mailbox for the letter and instructions.

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 4-H families. Please contact our office at 419-422-3851 to reserve your spot!

4-H Advisory Council Members: Welcome letters were mailed to new and returning advisory council members. Please be sure to let Lauren know what your committee preferences are.

JUNIOR FAIR:

Rabbit Exhibitors: The rabbit department is looking for junior high and high school aged exhibitors in either 4-H or FFA who are willing to meet with adults to improve the Junior Fair Rabbit Department. If you are interested, contact Bev Welty at 419-348-5378 or bcwelty@msn.com.

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: Tagging and Weigh-In will be held this **Saturday, January 7** starting at 9:00am at the Hancock County Fairgrounds in the Buckeye Building. This is MANDATORY to attend if wanting to participate in the 2023 Hancock County Fair.

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/equistep>

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. To register, go to: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/quiz-bowl-study-materials/>

You do NOT need to be a shooting sports project member to participate.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Ohio 4-H Conference: Will take 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 4-H and FFA Nights this season! We are excited to have these organizations join us in the arena. 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 will offer 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! 😊