

4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY

August 2024

Dear Hancock County 4-H Family,

August is upon us which means countdown to fair is here. Thank you to everyone who participated or helped judge our Still Projects this year, everyone did a great job. We can't wait to see even more of you at our Livestock Interview Judging and Skillathon here in the next couple of days. As you prepare for judging, booth set-up and the fair, remember there is lots to learn and each interaction at judging and the fair is an opportunity to grow and make the best better. Whether you are teaching a fellow 4-H member how to show an animal or talking with people young and old about 4-H, each interaction will help you be excellent 4-H member and part of society. We hope your fair experience is a great one and we can't wait to see how you all do.

Your Hancock County 4-H Extension Team

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Important digital media

Website: <https://hancock.osu.edu>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OSUEHancock>

4-H Website: <https://v2.4honline.com>



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Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm



Dates To Remember:

AUGUST

- Aug 1 Project Grades due by 4pm
- Aug 1 Combined Sr and Jr Goat Council, 7pm
- Aug 1 Beef Feeder MUST be in possession of member
- Aug 1 Meat Pen Rabbits MUST be in possession of member
- Aug 4 Jr. Fair Board Meeting
- Aug 5 Rabbit Tattooing, (HCF), 6-8pm
- Aug 6 Livestock Evaluations and Interviews, Legacy Building, (HCF), 9-4pm
- Aug 13 Make-Up Livestock Judging, (HCEO), 1-5:30pm
- Aug 14 Horse Council Meeting (HCF), 7pm
- Aug 16 Nominations due for Outstanding 4-Her & Danforth Awards
- Aug 17 Horse Summer Fun Show, (HCF)

- Aug 23 Booth Set-Up, (HCF), 9am-4pm
- Aug 24 Booth Set-Up, (HCF), 9am-5pm
- Aug 25 Booth Set-Up, (HCF), 1-5pm
- Aug 26 Hancock County Fair Move-In and Weigh-In for Livestock (HCF)
- Aug 27 – Sept 2 HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1 Cloverbud Graduation at Old Mill Stream Centre, (HCF), 2pm
- Sept 2 OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept 16 Banner Club, Community Service, Individual Honor, Livestock Project, Non-Livestock Project, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outstanding 4-Her and Danforth Award Applications due by 4pm

JR FAIR: What to expect from 4-H World

-Booth Partition Set-Up

Saturday August 10, 9am

This is not a time to decorate your booths, just to help set-up the booth partitions!

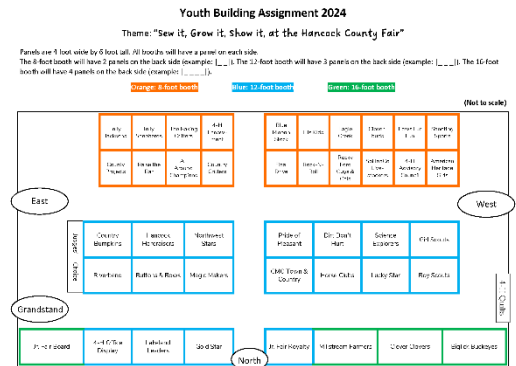
Your help is needed! Advisors, parents, and older members (you can add this to your Individual Honor Award), your help is needed to set the booth partitions in the Youth Pavilion. These are heavy and awkward, young children are not advised to be in the building at this time. Just show up on Saturday, August 10 at 9am.

-Booth Set-Up – Fair Theme is “Sew it, Grow it, Show it at the Hancock County Fair.”

Friday August 23, 9am-4pm
 Saturday August 24, 9am-5pm
 Sunday August 25, 1-5pm

See Booth Assignment page for the location of your club booth in the Youth Pavilion. Most booths are the same size and location as last year.

*All Booths MUST be completed and in place by 5pm Sunday. Advisors will be allowed in the building Monday at 9:45am to turn on items for the booth judging that begins at 10am. The building will NOT be open to the public.



Categories for Booth Awards

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| 1. Best Use of Theme | 4. Best Use of Motion/Movement |
| 2. Most Creative | 5. Best Explanation of Club Work |
| 3. Best Display of Projects, Organization and Planning | 6. People's Choice Award |

-Staffing for 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 to schedule!

Tuesday, August 27		Wednesday, August 28		Thursday, August 29	
10-12	Dirt Don't Hurt – Kim Welch	10-12	Rock-N-Roll – Emily Clark	10-12	Blue Ribbon Stock – Nicki vonStein
12-2	Clever Clovers - Dave & Linda Siferd	12-2		12-2	
2-4		2-4		2-4	Northwest Stars – Joann Rider
4-6	Millstream Farmers – Kathy McGrain	4-6		4-6	Millstream Farmers – Kathy McGrain
6-8	Jolly Jacksons – Trisha & Derek Boutwell	6-8	Freedom Reins – Chris Schultz	6-8	Science Explorers – Martha Boyd & Cassie Turner
8-10		8-10		8-10	
Friday, August 30		Saturday, August 31		Sunday, September 1	
10-12	Riverbend 4-H – Jennifer Stamper	10-12	Lucky Horseshoes – Meg Powell & M. Dukes	xxxx	xx
12-2		12-2		12-2	The Baking Critters – Natalie Jenkins
2-4		2-4	Lucky Star – Imelda & Mimi	2-4	Pride of Pleasant – Jill Warren
4-6		4-6		4-6	Eagle Creek – Mel Gray
6-8	Hancock Harerisers – Huston's & Bev Welty	6-8		6-8	Lori Whitmer
8-10		8-10		8-10	Magic Makers – John Livingston

-STEM Bus outside the youth building

Wednesday beginning at 10am, bring your friends to learn more about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)



In the past, they have had several ipad, robotic, and programming activities. Stop in this year to see what's new and try to your hand at STEM.

-4-H Programing – Discover the 4 “H”s

Tuesday through Saturday at 1pm

Come check out fun activities, service project and learning opportunities each day at 1pm.



Head – learn how to make Elephant Toothpaste



Heart – Rock Painting



Hands – Blessing Bags



Health – Mind Jars



Dairy Fun with 4-H and FCS – learn more about dairy with different dairy activities

-Cloverbud Graduation

Cloverbud Graduation is all set to take place on Sunday, September 1 starting at 2:00pm in the Old Mill Stream Centre. We ask that you please RSVP to our office (419-422-3851) or gierke.11@osu.edu if you're Graduating Cloverbud will be attending the graduation ceremony.



-Projects Released and Booth Tear Down

Monday September 2, 12pm (noon) and must be picked up by 6pm

Project Judging Days:

Still Project Judging

Results from Judging Day 1 and 2 can be found on our website under the Judging Information and Results tab. <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/judging-contest-results>

Thank you to Lucky Star and Dirt Don't Hurt for sponsoring judges' lunches during Judging Day 1 and 2.

Livestock Interviews

- *Livestock Interviews on August 6 (Call to schedule an appointment)*
- *Make-Up Livestock Interviews on August 13 (Make your appointment by August 11)*

Thank you, 4-H Advisory Council, for sponsoring the lunches for the judges and helpers, and Kloepfer's for catering. From 11am-2pm Kloepfer's food truck will be set-up for members and families to purchase drinks and food, if desired.

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

First year livestock members who need to complete Sportsmanship, will need to see Britta Fenstermaker, Hancock County Junior Fair Coordinator. Email or call her at Britta.Fenstermaker@hancockfairgrounds.org or 567-442-1537.

Livestock 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
- EVERYONE - Shoes (except for Dogs) should be hard-soled or boots. NO slides, NO sandals

Hancock County Farm Bureau T-shirts

Hancock County Farm Bureau T-shirt distribution will be different in 2024. Advisors will need to stop in the Junior Fair Building during Booth Set Up and pick up their club's Hancock County Farm Bureau T-Shirts. The shirts will not be available at Livestock Interviews this year.

Nominate your club members for The William H. Danforth "I Dare You Award" and the Outstanding 4-Her Award

To be nominated for these awards, members must be at least 16 as of January 1 of the current year, nominated by an advisor, and complete an application/interview process. (If you have won one of the awards previously, you are not eligible to receive that award again, you may be nominated for the other award though).

The Danforth "I Dare You Award" is given to 2 outstanding youth in the county, recognizing excellence in character, balanced personal development, and qualities of constructive leadership. 4-H members who demonstrate personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives, and possess a willingness to assume responsibility should be considered for this award. The award recognizes youth who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs, and communities.

The Outstanding 4-Her award is considered the highest recognition received by a Hancock County 4-H member. This award recognizes individuals who have actively participated in 4-H activities and served as role models to all members in 4-H and in the community. These winners should be active in a variety of 4-H based activities that enhance a successful 4-H experience that include modeling good citizenship and leadership to others. 4-H'ers pledge to serve, not only their club, but also their community, their country, and their world. These winners exemplify this in all ways both in and out of 4-H events. The winners of this award should be the top 4-H members in Hancock County. Winners are selected based on leadership in the club, outstanding achievement in projects, and participation at the local, county, state, and national level.

Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council

Do you have teens in your program looking for their next level of involvement? Encourage them to consider applying for the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council for the 2024-2025 program year!

Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) applications for the 2024-25 year are now available and can be found on our website at go.osu.edu/TLC! Please let any interested individual know so they may apply. Please note, because it is only a one year term, current TLC members who wish to continue their service must re-apply. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Every member will select a committee to join that is based on a program in Ohio 4-H (STEM, Healthy Living, College and Career Readiness, Civic Engagement, and Animal Science) – they will be working closer with design teams to help review and provide feedback to programming as well as creating new programs and resources and advocating for that program and project area – see attached graphic for more details.

- Applications and more information about the group can be found online at: go.osu.edu/TLC. **Please note: applications (and other materials, including letters of recommendation and program fees) are due by Friday, August 9, 2024.** We recognize this falls during some county fairs, so encourage teens to apply early! We will accept applications as early as today 😊 The term for selected individuals will be September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025.
 - The application process will be handled entirely online this year. The following links will be important to those seeking to apply:
 - Application: <https://go.osu.edu/TLCapp>
 - Reference Form Submission: <https://go.osu.edu/TLCref>
 - Payment:
 - First year members: <http://go.osu.edu/TLC50>
 - Subsequent year members: <http://go.osu.edu/TLC15>

STEAM on the Quad

Free fun for the family will take place Sunday, September 29 from 1-4pm at the Ohio State Lima Campus. There will be more than 30 STEAM activities for families and kids ages K-8th grade. Make sure you register at <https://go.osu.edu/STEAM24> or use the QR code on the flier.



STEAM
ON THE QUAD

Join us for a **FREE**, fun, family event!

Sunday, September 29, 2024
1-4 p.m.
Ohio State Lima campus

STEAM on the Quad will host 30+ activities for families and kids K-8 to improve their knowledge and interest in STEAM fields.

Experience just how fun STEAM can be with hands-on experiments and activities. Activity hosts include the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium and COSI.
Food will be available to purchase.

REGISTER HERE >>> 
go.osu.edu/STEAM24



Youth Building Assignment 2024

Theme: "Sew it, Grow it, Show it, at the Hancock County Fair"

Panels are 4 foot wide by 6 foot tall. All booths will have a panel on each side.

The 8-foot booth will have 2 panels on the back side (example: |_|_|). The 12-foot booth will have 3 panels on the back side (example: |_|_|_|). The 16-foot booth will have 4 panels on the back side (example: |_|_|_|_|).

Orange: 8-foot booth

Blue: 12-foot booth

Green: 16-foot booth

(Not to scale)

