# 4-H FOCUS

HANCOCK COUNTY March 2024

Where has the time gone, it is already March, and we are already kicking off Ohio and Hancock County 4-H Week!

This month we have lots of activities planned that you will read more throughout this newsletter including L.E.A.D. Conference, Pizza Sales, and a Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser night to name a few. We want to take a moment and appreciate all our volunteers, 4-H members, and their families for allowing us to work with such a great community and offer a program we all hold near and dear to our hearts. Without all of you, we would not get to spread 4-H around not only the county, but also state and nation.



We hope you all have a wonderful March and can't wait to see you all at our various events coming up!

Of course at anytime if you ever have a question, please feel free to reach out to one of us as we are always happy to help!

Your Hancock County 4-H Extension Team

Lauren, Edy, and Kathy 😊

### Lauren Burner-Kitzler

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

#### **OSU Extension, Hancock County**

7868 County Road 140, Suite B Findlay, Ohio 45840

Phone: 419-422-3851 Fax: 419-422-3866 Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

#### **Important digital media**

Website: <a href="https://hancock.osu.edu">https://hancock.osu.edu</a>

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

**4-H Enrollment:** <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>

Enrollment is open. Remember, if you've been in 4-H before and can't find your profile, please don't create a new one. Ask us for help instead.

March 2024 hancock.osu.edu Page | 1

## 22222

#### **Dates To Remember:**

| March 3- | 9 Ohio and Hancock County 4-H Week  | APRIL   |                                    |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Mar 3    | Junior Fair Board Meeting           | Apr 1   | Hancock County 4-H Enrollment due  |
| Mar 3    | Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun Meeting, 5pm | Apr 1   | Winning 4-H Plan due               |
| Mar 6    | Pizza Sales Start                   | Apr 1   | Dairy Feeder Calves MUST be in     |
| Mar 6    | 4-H Open House, 6pm                 |         | ownership of member                |
| Mar 7    | Combined Jr & Sr Goat Council, 7pm  | Apr 1   | Ohio State Fair Scholarship due    |
| Mar 9    | Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus       | Apr 3   | Pizza Sales due                    |
| Mar 10   | Camp Counselor Meeting, 1-3pm       | Apr 3-7 | Buckeye Leadership Workshop        |
| Mar 11   | Sewing Clinic: Sewing Basket Tools, | Apr 4   | Cloverbud Meeting, 615pm           |
|          | 6-8pm                               | Apr 4   | Combined Jr & Sr Goat Council, 7pm |
| Mar 12   | L.E.A.D. Conference, 7pm            | Apr 7   | Junior Fair Board Meeting          |
| Mar 13   | Horse Council Meeting, 7pm          | Apr 10  | New Horse Member Orientation,      |
| Mar 15   | Across County Line Forms due        |         | 6:30pm                             |
| Mar 24   | Camp Counselor Meeting, 1-3pm       | Apr 11  | Quality Assurance In-Person, 7pm   |
| Mar 26   | 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7pm   | Apr 14  | Camp Counselor Meeting, 1-3pm      |
| Mar 29   | OFFICE CLOSES at 3pm                | Apr 15  | Camp Scholarship Application due   |

#### 2024 Hancock County and Ohio 4-H Week

#### Celebrate Ohio 4-H Week with Us!

Join us March 3-9, 2024, for a week of celebration as we recognize our members, volunteers, professionals, and supporters who bring Hancock County 4-H programming to life. Starting Sunday, March 3, we invite our 4-H families, alumni, and friends to join us in our daily social media challenges.

This year, we have daily themes:

| Sunday                                 | Give a shout-out to a fantastic 4-H volunteer   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Monday                                 | Encourage someone in the community to get       |  |  |  |
|  | their family involved in 4-H                    |  |  |  |
| Tuesday Wear your 4-H green with pride |   |  |  |  |
| Wednesday                              | day Tell us why you are in 4-H                  |  |  |  |
| Thursday                               | Let us know who you re thankful for in Ohio or  |  |  |  |
|  | Hancock County 4-H                              |  |  |  |
| Friday                                 | Share your favorite things about 4-H with us    |  |  |  |
| Saturday                               | Celebrate 4-H making the best better by letting |  |  |  |
|  | us know why you love 4-H                        |  |  |  |



Completing your online enrollment for the 2024 4-H program year is another way you can get in the spirit of Ohio 4-H Week! Through 4-H, youth participate in hands-on, experiential learning activities that help them grow into caring, competent, confident leaders of tomorrow, all while having fun and forming friendships that will last a lifetime!

To learn more about how to get started in 4-H, visit <a href="https://hancock.osu.edu">https://hancock.osu.edu</a>. There, you can find information about the various community clubs in Hancock County and learn how to select a project. Enrollment can be completed on 4-H Online through April 1. Please contact the office with any questions.

#### **4-H Open House**

Come out, Wednesday, March 6, from 6-8pm, to check out some of the amazing things 4-H has to offer. From rabbits to sewing, STEM to camp, Club project displays and more. There are lots of things to check out at the 1st annual 4-H Open House! This event is open to new and returning families as well as anyone who is interested in 4-H so make sure to bring your family and friends to join in this great evening!



We hope to see you there!

#### 4-H L.E.A.D. Conference

Hancock County L.E.A.D. (Learn, Educate, Advise, and Discover) Conference will be held March 12 at 7pm at Liberty Benton High School. L.E.A.D. offers sessions for club officers, members, family member, and volunteers to learn more about 4-H. Sessions offered this year are:

President & Vice President Recreation Cloverbud Volunteers
Secretary Energy & Litter New Volunteers

Treasurer Round Table New Member & Family

Community Service Junior Fair Orientation

Health & Safety Camp (Parent information)

Don't hold an office? Pick a session you want to learn more about! This is another great event for the whole family.

#### 4-H Online Enrollment:



4-H Enrollment is *due April 1, 2024*. This is NO April Fool's Joke!!

Please remember the following items when completing your enrollment.

Visit this direct link to enroll. <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>

Returning members & families already have a profile. Enter your password from the previous year and log in.

If you or another member of your family was in 4-H in recent years, do NOT create a new profile. Contact the office and we can help you log in.

Are you a Cloverbud member? Use project 710 Cloverbud Activities

Once your enrollment has been approved, you may edit your projects until April 1.

To add or drop a project after April 1, you must submit a competed Add/Drop form by May 1.

Still need help? Give us a call at 419-422-3851.

#### Add/Drop Projects:

**New this year!!** Project add / drops must be completed by May 1. There will be no projects added after May 1. Enrollment deadline is April 1 and projects must be in place by May 1.

#### **New Projects:**

We have 4 new projects for 2024. While we don't have the project books yet, feel free to sign up for them. If the books don't arrive before May 1, you can always switch to a different project. Call us and we can help. Just make sure it's before May 1.

**186 Gymkhana** – Get started and succeed in competitive games on horseback! Learn how to take care of your horse, the patterns of gymkhana (including the barrel and flag races), and everything else you need to know to excel in gymkhana.

187 Roping – Explore roping's rich history and its deep roots in the American West and the rodeo. Learn how rope is made and understand how each type of rope is used. Once you have practiced the basics of roping, put your skills into action by exploring the different types of roping events – ground roping, mounted competition, breakaway roping, goat typing, tie-down roping, and team roping. (Attention Horse Exhibitors: All exhibitors who plan to participate in a ground roping class at the state AND county level, MUST be enrolled in ground roping AND complete the correlating Ground Roping Project Book.)

**210** Assistance Animals in Action – Learn more about how animals, especially dogs, can "lend a paw" to help people. In this project you'll learn about the human-animal bond, zooeyia, and the work of three types of assistance animals. Find out about how they are training, the amazing things they do, and the best ways to interact with these incredible animals!

**356 Relationships 101** – Relationships can be challenging! This project lets you explore different relationships and discover what makes each one healthy or unhealthy. You will better understand how your personal identify and values influence your relationships with others. After completing this project, you will have the necessary communication skills to effectively resolve conflicts.

#### **New Resource Books:**

Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows – This resource is currently available in our office.

**Dog Resource Handbook** – This resource book is currently unavailable in our office. Watch Facebook for updates when it does become available.

**Rabbit Resource Handbook** – This resource book is currently unavailable in our office. Watch Facebook for updates when it does become available.

#### **Members with Dog Projects:**

Submit y state req

Submit your paperwork under the Animal tab on <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>. Anything in RED is a state required field or document. Hancock County also requires the completed *Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*. The form should be entered under the Vaccination Record area. Hancock County also requires the 2024 Permission

to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims. Enter this document under the County Document area. Remember to bring in your vaccination certificate by June 1 too.

#### **Members with Horse Projects:**

Submit your paperwork under the Animal tab on <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>. Anything in RED is a state required field or document. Photos will need to be current with the 4-H member included in the picture. No parts of the 4-H member. No pictures from 2023 or before. Don't forget the 2024 EquiSTEP will also need uploaded once completed. Bring in your 2024 Lease Agreement by June 1.

#### **Across County Line:**

Members who live outside of Hancock County but want to participate in Hancock County 4-H must complete a *Membership Across County Line Form*. You only need complete it once during your 4-H career. Completing this form is not a guarantee that the member will be released from their residential county and accepted into Hancock County. Read the policy carefully to determine if you might be eligible to participate in Hancock County. Policy and form may be picked up at the Extension Office or printed from our website: hancock.osu.edu. Deadline for this form to be submitted is March 15.

#### Winning 4-H Plan:

The Winning 4-H Plan (W4HP) assists parents /guardians in requesting accommodation plans to meet the needs of Ohio 4-H youth with disabilities. Would you like more information on how to request the Winning 4-H Plan? You can find more information at <a href="https://go.osu.edu/Winning4HPlan">https://go.osu.edu/Winning4HPlan</a>. This is an option during your enrollment. If you click yes during enrollment, you will receive an email from the state 4-H Office on the W4HP process.



#### 2024 4-H Benefit Dinner:



Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the 4-H Benefit Dinner! It was a wonderful evening for our 4-H community to come together and support our 4-H program. Thank you to each of our clubs for donating items for the silent and live auction. All profits from the event will go towards a variety of county programs including Camp Scholarships, awarded trips, and 4-H programming. You raised over \$17,000 for Hancock County!! *THANK YOU!!!!* 

#### **Rabbit Council:**

The Hancock County Rabbit Department will be organizing a Rabbit Council. This is for adults, 4-H members, and FFA members. This group will work together to organize workshops, get information out to other rabbit exhibitors, assist with fair activities, and more. If you are interested, please text Bev Welty at 419-348-5378 or call after 5:30 pm. You also can email at <a href="mailto:bcwelty@msn.com">bcwelty@msn.com</a>. The meeting will take place at the extension office on April 17 beginning at 7pm.



#### Scholarship Opportunities:

**Ohio State Fair Scholarship** - To recognize the quality youth of Ohio, and to help those interested in furthering their education, the Ohio Expositions Commission has established a Scholarship Program for Ohio State Fair participants.



The purpose of these scholarships is to assist high school juniors and seniors and graduates who are continuing their education at an accredited institution in an undergraduate course of study in any field. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to not issue a scholarship if no applicant fulfills the requirements.

https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/scholarships

#### 2024 Hancock County Fair Dates:



In case you have not heard, the Hancock County Fair has been extended by one day. Livestock will move in on Monday, August 26. The fair will run from Tuesday, August 27 to Monday, September 2. For the most up to date information regarding the fair and the schedule, go to their website https://hancockfairgrounds.org/. If you have any questions or comments regarding the fair, please contact their office at 419-429-7344.

#### 4-H Camp 2024:

Are you interested in going to camp? Now is the time to get your Camp Scholarship Application completed and turned in. Go to our website and scroll down to April for the application: go.osu.edu/hancock 4-h forms. Applications are due April 15, but can be turned in anytime before then.





#### **Little Caesars Pizza Sales:**



Stop by the Office today, talk with your advisor or come to the 4-H Open House on March 6 to pick-up your Pizza Sale Forms.

Pizza Sales go from March 6-April 3. Orders are due to the office by 12pm (noon) on April 3.

Pizza Sale pick-up will be April 24 from 4-6pm at the Legacy Building at the Fairgrounds.

#### Texas Roadhouse Camp Support Night:

Come support your Hancock County 4-H Camp Counselors by Dining In or Carrying Out Dinner March 18 from 3pm- Close. Bring your Family and your flyer (see below) to a great night out! All money raised will go toward camp counselors, and camp activities! We hope to see you there! When you print out the flyer, give 3 to your friends.





The next Cloverbud meeting will be held on April 4 at the University of Findlay Barn for a Tour at 6:15pm. Please RSVP to the Extensions Office at 419-422-3851 by April 2 if you and your family would like to attend! We hope to see you there!



























#### 4-H HISTORY!!

Checkout a few pictures from some amazing 4-H Events in the past. Can you guess any of these members and volunteers?



Arlington 4-H Window Display March 1950 (Picture courtesy of the Hancock County Historical Museum)



COLP 4-H Girls November 1953 (Picture courtesy of the Hancock County Historical Museum)



Stub Wilson Feeds 4-H Kids at Wilson Hamburgers September 1957 (Picture courtesy of the Hancock County Historical Museum)



Farm Page March 1958(Picture courtesy of the Hancock County Historical Museum)



National 4-H Farm Page March 1963 (Picture courtesy of the Hancock County Historical Museum)



2003 Achievement Night



2004 Roller Skate



2015 Camp



2015 Camp



2016 Camp



2017 4-H Week Baby





2019 4-H Week Baby



2023 Celebration of 4-H





2023 Volunteer Award Winners







