



Clover Connection

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A Special Note for our Volunteers:

2009 has arrived! We're never quite sure what each year will bring. One thing we're pretty sure of is that it will bring another year of 4-H and we are back in full swing at the office getting ready for it! Calendars are hot off the press, and the Family Handbooks have been collated and stapled. Our goal is to have all materials ready for distribution by January 15. This is a huge task and we appreciate your patience as we continue to make preparations for the 2009 4-H year.

Our office has taken a 6% budget cut, and more could be down the road. As we continue to monitor our costs, the 4-H Newsletter will be mailed in January, March, May, June, July, and October. For current updates, please use the 4-H Website.

We know that 4-H would not exist in its present state without the efforts of our volunteers. Just as a farmer uses the winter months to plan the seeds that will be planted, advisors should consider the seeds to be planted in 4-H members. We plant the seeds of leadership, confidence, service, as well as many others that will benefit our youth. Take some time to evaluate what seeds are important to your members and how you will plant those seeds in 2009. These young people rely on our caring adults to present to them the opportunities available through 4-H.

I hope that each of you experienced a very happy and healthy Christmas Season, and enjoyed much time with family and friends! I enjoyed being with my family and resting up a bit. Now that we've had the holidays to rest up, let's get the 2009 4-H year started!

Sincerely,

Susan E. Russell
 Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

Dates to Remember:

JANUARY	
1	Steers in possession
6	Jr. Fair Day at Ohio Fair Manager's Conference
14	Horse Council
15	County Steer Registration Due Nose-print Cards due for State Fair State Achievement Records Due
17	Be Healthy Now Kick-Off
19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Office Closed) Jr. Leadership Club 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Counselor/CIT Training 12:00-3:00
27	4-H Advisory Council
31	Friends of the Fair Reverse Raffle
FEBRUARY	
10	Advisor Update 1:00 p.m.
11	Advisor Update 7:00 p.m. Horse Council
12	Jr. Fair Board
17	Jr. Leadership Club 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
20	New Advisor Applications Due Middle-School Teen Lock-In
21	Ohio 4-H Teen Conference
23-24	Advisor Interviews
26	Counselor/CIT Training 6:00-8:30
MARCH	
3	New Advisor Orientation, 7:00 p.m.
5	New Advisor Orientation, 11:00 a.m. Jr. & Sr. Goat Council
8-14	Ohio 4-H Week

Important Items & Events

4-H Age Requirements

Cloverbuds - 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year

4-H club - 8 (at least 8) and enrolled in 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year.

4-H membership ends December 31 of the year that an individual attains the age of 19

Web Site

Check out our web site at <http://hancock.osu.edu>
Site includes: schedule of events, deadlines, pictures of 4-H events, winners, forms, camp, newsletters, etc. Kathy Biery is Information Associate at the computer and keeps the information updated. Online registration may be completed for livestock projects and county contests. Please check us out.

Newsletter

Our newsletter schedule for 2009 will be January, March, May, June, July, and October. Please be sure all members have necessary information to have a great 4-H experience.

If you have an email address, and would like to receive the 4-H newsletter in that way, please email Kathy at Biery.12@osu.edu or mark it on enrollment forms.

2009 4-H Club Organizational Packets

Organizational materials for 4-H Clubs will be available at the Extension Office by January 15.

They include the following:

- A packet of materials (one per club) including officer information, enrollment forms, reference sheets & photo release information.
- FAMILY HANDBOOK – we have printed one per family.
- Resource materials for advisors.
- 4-H Calendars
- 4-H Ohio Family Guide

4-H Calendars

The 2009 Hancock County Calendars are available at the Extension Office. We have attempted to print all of our county dates directly on the calendar so it will serve as a great resource for members, parents and advisors. As we continue to add events, or change dates, you will be notified through this newsletter so that those dates may be added to your calendar. The calendar will be included with club packets. These should be distributed as soon as possible so as not to miss any important events or dates.

4-H Advisor Update



The dates for the 2009 Advisor Update are February 10th and 11th. We will offer two session opportunities again this year. The evening session begins at 7:00 p.m. on the 11th and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 10th. These meetings are scheduled for the Conference Room at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. It will be a review of existing programs and opportunities as well as an update on new 4-H projects and changes in the 2009 program. Bring your notebook and be ready to share ideas! All advisors are required to attend at least one training session from those offered each year, and at least one advisor from each club must attend the update. Please pre-register so we know which time you plan to attend. This will enable us to have an accurate amount of materials as well as be able to notify advisors should the weather conditions make changes necessary.

Club Constitutions

All 4-H Clubs are required to develop a 4-H Club Constitution. Please submit a copy of current club constitutions as they are updated so that we may keep them on file at the Extension Office.

Senior Horse Council Banquet

This is a reminder that the 4-H HORSE BANQUET will be held in January. Each club is responsible for bringing door prizes. Each family should bring enough pop for family members to drink and a side dish to share. Pizza will be provided. Advisors should report an estimate of how many club members will be attending to Sherry Brooks. Reminders will be sent to members when details are finalized.

SENIOR HORSE COUNCIL will be holding its next meeting on Jan. 14th at 7:00 at the Agricultural Service Center on CR 140.

Buckeye Leadership Workshop

Buckeye Leadership Workshop will be held March 25-29 at Recreation Unlimited. BLW is a great opportunity for youth and adults to develop skills in the areas of leadership and recreation. BLW Brochures are available in our office. Registrations are due on February 26 to David Kalkbrenner, BLW registrar. Total cost of the workshop is \$325. CEU's are also available. Minimum age is 16.

Scholarship applications are due January 10, 2009. Visit <http://www.buckeyeleadership.com> for additional information.

4-H Advisory Council

The 2009 4-H Advisory Council of Hancock County will be meeting to reorganize on January 27, 2009. All past members should return notebooks to the office before that date. There are still openings on this council. If you would be interested in filling one of the openings, please email, call or send a postcard to Susan by January 15th. If you have any items that you would like discussed at our next meeting, please call Susan to have it put on the agenda.

Frozen Food Sale

It doesn't feel like spring, but it will soon be time for our annual Spring Frozen Food Sale. Order forms will be available in our office after February 15, 2009. Once again, we are giving members the opportunity to earn camp credits for their efforts. To encourage all members to participate in the sale, Visa Gift Cards may be earned instead of the camp credit if preferred. For every five items that a member sells, they receive a ticket put into a drawing to win a DVD player. Our mailing list has been cut, so it's very important that the members get out there and sell. The profits from the sale are used to assist with the local 4-H program, as well as provide scholarships for camp and other trips. Our goal is to sell \$15,000 in frozen food!

Clover Bud Meeting

Fire! Fire! Fire! Get fired up, pull on your boots and join us January 15, 2009 at Fire Station # 4 on CR 236, Findlay. (north of the west side Wal-Mart) We'll take a tour of the fire station, learn about fire safety, and maybe get the chance to slide down the fire pole.

Our evening will be 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Just remember if school has been cancelled for the day, our Cloverbuds will be cancelled too. Please RSVP by January 14, 2009 by calling our office at 419-422-3851 or mcdougall.1@osu.edu.

Cloverbuds are open to any child in kindergarten through second grade, and a parent must stay with their child/children. Our meetings are the 3rd Thursday every other month starting in January; we usually meet at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. If you have any questions please feel free to call and I'll try and answer them.

Jr. Leadership Club

The next meeting of the Jr. Leadership Club will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2009 9:30 - 11 at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. The teens voted at the November meeting to change the meeting times to 7:30-9:00. Even though this makes a later evening, they thought it would allow more time

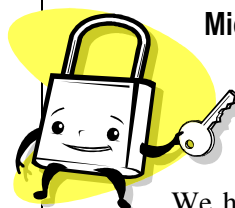
to arrive from sporting practices. We have a great group of Jr. Leaders. If you were involved in fall sports and now find that you are free to attend on Tuesday evenings, it's not too late to join. Just come to the next meeting and we will get you enrolled.

Candy Sale

Candy bars will be available for clubs to sell, beginning the first of January. We were offered a special deal, so the candy was ordered. Many clubs use this as a fundraiser, and many members use this as a way to earn money towards camp. The sale is similar to last year. Call the office for details at 419-422-3851.

Opportunities for Volunteers & Members

Middle School Lock-In



There will be a lock-in for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade 4-H members and friends. This event will be on February 20 with the location to be announced.

We had a great time last year and are looking forward to "a rockin' good time in 2009." Don't count on sleeping because we have an entire night of activities planned. Registration will begin at 9:00 p.m. on the 20th and dismissal will occur at 7:00 a.m. Registration information will be coming to our web site soon.

State 4-H Achievement Award Applications

The Ohio 4-H Achievement Records are available at the Extension Office. 4-H State Achievement Awards were established to highlight overall achievement in a particular program area. There are currently 24 program areas which include: Beef, CARTEENS, Citizenship & Community Service, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Environmental Sciences, Family Life & Child Development, Food & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Health & Safety, Horse, Leadership, Meat Goat, Mechanical & Engineering Science, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine and Veterinary Science. Selected Achievement Records will be sent to the State Office for competition. A workshop was held on December 3 for teens interested in completing the form. State Achievement Records are due to the Extension Office by January 15, 2009. This should give us plenty of time to look over the forms and prepare them to be sent to the State 4-H Office. We would be happy to assist anyone that might want some additional help. Give me a call and we'll set up a time.

State 4-H Achievement Award Applications continued . . .

If you are not interested in completing the Achievement Record for State Awards, the record is also used for county awards. This is the same form used in Hancock County to select delegates to State Leadership Camp, State Forestry Camp, Buckeye Leadership Workshop, Carving New Ideas Workshop and Citizenship Washington Focus. Additional trips are listed on the forms. Records should be submitted to the Extension Office by January 15, 2009 to be considered for these awards.

Scholarship Applications are also available at the Extension Office. These are also due on January 15, 2009, unless otherwise noted on the form.

If you have Achievement Records to submit, but miss the deadline please give me a call. If we have no one entered in that particular area, we will still be able to accept the forms.

4-H Camp

Can you believe we are already beginning to plan for 4-H Camp? Our camp dates have been received for 2009. We will be at 4-H Camp Ohio on July 29-August 2. Please get those dates on your calendar! We know that once again we have been scheduled during the Ohio State Fair. 4-H Camp Ohio is making a conscious effort this year to make sure this does not happen again. They will be making schedule revisions for 2010 that will allow everyone to camp during the summer without conflicting with the state fair.

We will begin training our Camp Counselors/CIT's in January. Thirty teens have been selected to be trained as camp staff. These teens are all freshman in high school and older. They must complete at least 24 hours of training, six hours on-site training and become certified in CPR/First Aid. Any teen that does not complete the requirements will be dismissed from the position. We look forward to working with these teens as they prepare to work with children while planning and conducting the camp.

Due to the state of the economy, cost of camp will remain at \$135, with the late fee being \$140. Pictures will not be included in the camp fee again this year. Camp CD's may be purchased for \$3 and may be ordered at the time of registration. Camp is also offered to non-4-H members at \$140. We would like to be able to take 250 campers, counselors and adult staff. Please help us reach that goal!

You won't want to miss 4-H Camp in 2009!! If you have any questions concerning the camp program, please contact Susan at 419-422-3851.

**Volunteer Changes**

Now is the time of year to recruit new volunteers. If you know of someone that might be interested in becoming a 4-H Advisor or Key Leader, applications are available at the Extension Office. These applications are due to our office by February 15, 2009. Once the applications are completed, interviews will take place. All applicants must attend an Advisor Orientation. New volunteers may attend the orientation on March 3 at 7:00 p.m. or March 5 at 11:00 a.m. Please plan for 1 ½ hours. I am also willing to talk with volunteers that might be interested in forming new clubs.

Any retiring advisors should contact Susan or Karen as soon as possible so that we can discuss the future plans for the members in your club.

Ohio 4-H Teen Conference

The 5th Annual Ohio 4-H Teen Conference, "Keeping It Green" will be held Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Columbus Convention Center. All older youth are encouraged to take part in this exciting event. Registration scholarships will be available to the first 25 registrations that are returned to our office. \$10 is the deposit required from the teens, and the remaining amount is sponsored by Donors. Registration deadline is January 30th, and the information will be available at the Extension Office or on our website.

All teen conference participants will enjoy a special luncheon speaker, choose from over 80 sessions to attend, participate in a community service activity and meet teens from all over Ohio.

Be Healthy Now

The Be Healthy Now program was a huge success in 2008. Our kick-off for 2009 is set for January 17 at the Findlay Village Mall. The event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Watch for details at BeHealthyNow.us. We will be expanding the youth program this year, so plan to attend the fantastic youth events. Attend the kick-off to participate in Dance, Dance Revolution (and other stations), the Food & Nutrition workshop in February, the Bicycle Rodeo in March and Geocaching at the parks in April.

Complete the Survey!

Your input is needed! Please complete the enclosed 4-H program evaluation and return it to the Extension office to help us "Make the Best Better." Surveys returned by January 15 will be eligible for the 4-H bear drawing. Share your thoughts to help improve Hancock County 4-H!

Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Bob Evans Farms 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

The 2009 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Bob Evans Farms Recognition Luncheon will take place at the Columbus Convention Center on March 14, 2009. This event is designed to bring together 4-H Volunteers from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. Nearly 100 sessions will be available to choose from.

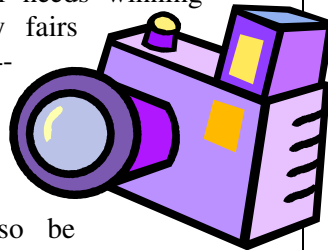
Our county 4-H Advisory Council has been a sponsor in past years for this event. If you would like to attend, please complete the enclosed registration and return to the Extension Office with a \$10.00 fee by February 6, 2009. It would be great to have over 20 participants from this county. Adult volunteers, spouses, and Jr. Leaders are welcome to attend.

Additional questions may be answered by calling the Extension Office at 419-422-3851.

National 4-H Photo/Calendar Contest

The National 4-H Council needs winning photos from state and county fairs (2004-2009) to create the 2011 4-H Calendar. Winning photos will be displayed at the

National 4-H Conference Center from September-November 2009 and will also be posted on their web site. Submitted photographs must be 8" x 10", in color, and in horizontal (landscape) format. The print must be one developed at a photo processing store. Photos will be returned. Contact the Extension office for more details and an entry form or go to <http://4-hmall.org> and click on 2011 photo contest under important links. Submission deadline is March 31, 2009.



Magazine Sales

We were recently introduced to a NEW Fundraising program for 4-H. Instead of selling magazines the traditional way which can sometimes conflict with the local schools, a web link program has been developed and with this program it does not require the kids to sell anything. What it does is anytime someone logs onto our 4-H Website to view club upcoming events they will have a chance to click on a provided link and order a magazine where 40% of the profit goes back to our county 4-H program. There is no time limit on this program so we can run it on our website throughout the year to generate funds. Watch for exciting details!

Projects

County Fair Steer Info

All 4-H members planning to take an independent steer, finished dairy beef steer, or born and raised in Hancock County steer to the Hancock County Fair in 2009 must Register their Steers with the Extension Office by January 15, 2009! This must be done for us to have an accurate list of who is planning to take a steer project. Finished dairy beef will be tagged in the same manner as they have in the past. All independent and finished dairy beef steers must be in the member's possession by January 1, 2009. In possession, according to 4-H project guidelines, means owned by the member or his/her family and kept at a location where the member is caring for the animal. If the animal is located down the road, at grandparents, etc., the member must be close enough to provide care, clean stalls and work with the animal. To register your steer, go to <http://hancock.osu.edu/4h/registra.htm>. Due to problems with our registration software, a new form has been posted. Follow the directions given.

State Fair Steer Info

If a Jr. Fair Exhibitor wishes to be eligible to show steers at the 2009 Ohio State Fair, he/she must file a legible nose-print by January 15, 2009. Filing of this card does not constitute an official entry form. Mail cards to: Virgil Strickler, Ohio State Fair Livestock Office, 717 E 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211. Cards are available at the Extension Office and must be signed by the County 4-H Educator or FFA Instructor. A maximum of four nose-print cards may be submitted.

2009 Project Update

NEW OR REVISED:

- 091 Discovering 4-H
- 166 Raising Turkeys
- 179 Uniform Rules for Horse Shows
- 491 Adventures in Home Living
- 507 Robotics Explorer, Level 1
- 508 Robotics Probe, Level 2
- 528 Investigating Electricity
- 529 Wired for Power
- 530 Entering Electronics
- 531 Science Fun with Electricity
- 558 Nailing It Together, Level 3
- 559 Finishing Up, Level 4
- 751 Archery Member Record Book

DISCONTINUED PROJECTS:

- 391 Leadership Skills You Never Outgrow I
- 392 Leadership Skills You Never Outgrow II
- 393 Leadership Skills You Never Outgrow III
- 394 Leadership Skills You Never Outgrow IV
- 396 And My World I: The World Around Me
- 397 And My World II: People & Customs of the World
- 555 ATV Adventures!
- 641 Basic Beekeeping

New Helmet Rule – Revised Uniform Rule Book

"All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired." Please call the Extension office with questions.

Quality Assurance

All 4-H members that are enrolled in market livestock projects must participate in a Quality Assurance Program. These will be offered once each month in March, April, May and June. Information will be included with the livestock project books. A 4-H livestock committee will meet in mid-January to plan, promote, and conduct livestock events. Please call Susan if interested in serving on this committee.

A test-out option will be offered to members at least 15 years old as of 12/31/08 and will be in effect for the remainder of his 4-H career. Members planning to show hogs, must take the PQA exam. Questions come from the project books, resource books and skill-a-thon materials. Tests will be graded on-site, so test scores will be known immediately. Testing dates will be announced soon.

Orientation for Members Enrolled in Horse Projects

An orientation will be held for all members enrolled in a horse project on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. This will be an informational meeting that will be useful as you experience horse projects through 4-H. Topics covered may include: Ohio 4-H Rules, 4-H County Rules, Fun Show Bill, Safety & Ethics, Maintaining Records, Required clothing, Fair entries, etc. All requirements for the 4-H Horse Safety & Ethics will be completed during this meeting. Watch for details coming soon.

Change in Livestock Project Judging

In 2009 all livestock projects will be judged through an interview which has been scheduled for July 27 in the Show Arena at the Hancock County Fairground. The Skill-a-thon will not be conducted this year. Additional information will be included with the project books.

2009 Family Guide on-Line

The electronic version of the 2009 Family Guide is available at www.ohio4h.org/familyguide/index.html. Hard copies should be available by mid-January.

Jr. Fair News**Friends of the Fair**

The 3rd Annual Friends of the Fair Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the Northridge Club, 6:00-11:00 p.m. It is a Winter Beach Party and you're invited!!! Dig out your best beach wear and mark your calendars! This is your chance to support Friends of the Fairs great projects and have a great time doing it. Last year's raffle was a tremendous success. With the proceeds the roof on the Draft Horse Barn was replaced, a new paging booth was bought, landscaping, flowers, baby changing stations, etc., have also been great additions to the facilities and grounds. Tickets are \$100 each - only 200 tickets to be sold! Four dozen cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. Last number drawn wins grand prize of \$5,000. Ticket order forms are available at the Senior Fair Office!

2009 Jr. Fair Board

Congratulations to the following teens for being selected to the 2009 Jr. Fair Board!

Olivia Altvater, Mikayla Brown, Kelsey Bryan, Shawn Burkmier, Jared Corbin, Benjamin Finsel, Nicholas Finsel, Kirsten Glick, Travis Glick, Tyler Greer, Tyler Horn, Ashley Hunker, Nicole Kelbley, Alexandra McGrain, Andrea Mitchell, Alexis Moser, Rachelle Palmer, Susan Rader, Brooke Rehus, Rachael Reichley, Jason Rinker, Lindsay Rinker, Andrew Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, Susie Stoepfel, Michaela Wallace, Emily Warnimont, Brittany Warren, Brooke Woodward, Morgan Woodward

Awards & Recognition

2009 4-H Advisory Council

Congratulations to the newly elected 4-H Advisory Council members!

Arcadia – Travis Glick, teen
 Arlington – Paige Ferrell, teen
 Cory Rawson – Kirsten Egts, teen
 Findlay – Corrine Heflinger, teen
 Liberty Benton – Mimi Burner, Taylor Allen, teen
 McComb – Betsy Conrad, Susan Rader, teen
 Riverdale – Tyler Horn, teen
 Van Buren – Brooke Rehus, teen
 At-Large – Barb Stamper, Nila Rehus



Special 4-H Awards

Congratulations to all recipients of 4-H Awards in 2008. The 2008 Outstanding 4-Her Awards were given to Katie Cole, Calvin Ice & Emily Warnimont.

Katie Cole, daughter of Bill and Jane Cole, is a 10 year member of the Eagle Creek 4-H Club, Jr. Leadership Club and has been a camp counselor. She has participated in the National Dairy Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus and National 4-H Congress. She is a freshman at The Ohio State University Lima Branch studying to become a veterinarian. Katie states, “On my journey of ten years, I can honestly say 4-H has been a true North Star. From a fledgling first year member being afraid of leaving the nest, to now being able to soar. 4-H has been an unforgettable passage of time.”

Calvin Ice, son of Brent and Angela Ice, is an 11 year member of the Freedom Reins 4-H Club. He has been a member of the Jr. Leadership Club, Jr. Fair Board, has been a Camp Counselor and is the 2008 Hancock County Horse King. Calvin participated in Citizenship Washington Focus and is a member of the 2008 State Horse Bowl Championship Team.

Calvin constantly strives for excellence & seeks to improve even his best efforts. He is a sophomore at Ohio Northern University majoring in Pharmacy. He says, “Over the last few years I have realized what a positive impact the program has made in the lives of countless youth.”

Emily Warnimont, a senior at Findlay High School, is the daughter of Rod Warnimont & Sarah Wernert. She has been a 4-H member for 9 years and is a member of the All Around Champions 4-H Club, Jr. Leadership Club, Jr. Fair Board and is the 2008 Hancock County Beef Queen. Emily shows steers as part of her Market Beef project, and has participated in many shows across the state including the Ohio State Fair. She plans to attend The Ohio State University and study Pre-Vet. She says, “My 4-H experiences have taught me responsibility and I have discovered the value & rewards of hard work.”

The Danforth “I Dare You” awards were presented to Andrea Mitchell and Travis Glick.

Andrea Mitchell, daughter of Dave and Denise Mitchell, is a 9 year member of the K-9 Best Friends 4-H Club. She is also active in Jr. Leadership, Jr. Fair Board, and serves as a Camp Counselor. Andrea has attended State Leadership Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus and National 4-H Congress. She has served as State 4-H Ambassador and State 4-H Teen Council. She has received the Bronze, Silver & Gold Congressional Medals as well as Jefferson Award and Spirit of Community Award. Andrea states, “4-H has meant being part of a unique program that combines my two greatest interests, leadership and community service. My 4-H experiences have helped me mature into a responsible, caring individual and an active leader in my community.” Andrea is a senior at Findlay High School and plans to become a dental hygienist.

Travis Glick, son of Wes and Tammy Glick, is a 9 year member of the Lakeland Leaders 4-H Club. He has also been active in Jr. Leadership, Jr. Fair Board, and serves as a Camp Counselor. Travis has participated in numerous Health & Safety Speaking Contests and Demonstration Contests at the county, regional, and state levels. He says, “County-wide 4-H events have allowed me to meet so many new people and develop friendships that will last a life time. 4-H is an amazing youth organization and without it, I would not feel nearly as confident with myself when times are tough.” He is a senior at Arcadia High School and plans to pursue a career in communications.

4-H Volunteer Awards

In 1978, the Hancock County 4-H Committee created the 4-H Alumni Award. This award was joined in 1980 with the Outstanding Service to 4-H Award. These awards are presented to 4-H alumni or people/organizations that give leadership to the 4-H program. Three awards were presented during the Advisor Recognition Banquet on November 12, 2008. Outstanding Service to 4-H was presented to Jerry Payne, Nationwide Insurance. The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Kathy Biery and Beth Marshall.

Jerry Payne, is no stranger to the 4-H program. His children were members of the Hancock Harerisers 4-H Club. Even now that his children are out of 4-H, he continues to drive for club trips and activities, and serves as a key leader in his local club. He is a strong supporter of 4-H and Jr. Fair. He takes time away from his business each year to be at the fair and support the young people. Through his business, he donates trophies for the Jr. Fair. He's always positive, encouraging and a big asset to Hancock County. Each year he provides the sound equipment for all rabbit shows and the rabbit barn during the fair.

Recipient of the 4-H Alumni Award was Beth Marshall, 12-year advisor of Millstream Farmers 4-H Club. She and her family live in the Van Buren School District.

She was dragged to 4-H meetings before being old enough to be a member, since mom and dad were the advisors. Cooking, baking, sewing and livestock were some favorite projects. She participated in the State Fair as a member and received Rabbit Grand Champion. She was a member of two clubs growing up, one was Sew & Chat and the other was Go Getters. She enjoys doing the late shift in the youth building during the fair. Each year, we receive positive feedback from parents with children in her club. She makes sure the members run the meetings, plan activities and gives service to their community. Her two children were members of her club, and were very active in the county 4-H program.

Kathy Biery was a recipient of the 4-H Alumni Award. She is a 13 year advisor of the Buttons & Bows 4-H Club. She and her family live in the Cory Rawson School District. Her two children are currently enrolled in 4-H. Kathy was enrolled in the Allen County 4-H program as a child and was in 4-H for a very short time. She enjoyed Creative Arts projects and was a county winner, as well as a state fair participant. She was a member of the Beaverdam Bunch 4-H Club. She has assisted with cloverbuds and done whatever needed done in her own club.

She began working for OSU Extension in 1998 as an Office Associate. She is responsible for managing the 4-H data-base and maintaining the 4-H web site. For two years, she provided leadership as Jr. Fair Coordinator.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

Years of Service

Congratulations to all volunteers that were recognized for years of service in increments of five years:

Years	Volunteer Recognized
30	Jacki Johnson
25	Barb Farquharson, William Johnson
20	Nancy George, Allen Price
15	Barbara Gabriel, Barbara Stamper
10	Dawn Breitigam, Deb Brown, Laura Cavitt, Betsy Conrad, Christine Freed, Celia Harper, Donna Inbody, Joel Kloepfer, Kathy McGrain, Denise Tebbe, Sandy Wilch, Carol Wise
5	Deb Boger, Carmen Brown, Jody Brown, Rose Ann Campbell, Michelle Groves, Julia Horton, John Livingston, Miranda Lobdell, Wendi Morey, Ronda Ritter, Lori Russell, Alan Schroeder, Brenda Smith, Tamara Wallace, Kim Welch, Lori Whitmer, Becky Wilson, Donna Wilson

Club Charters

Charters were presented to Dirt Don't Hurt and Bit of Class 4-H Clubs during the Volunteer Recognition Banquet. Congratulations to both clubs!

Coats for Christmas

Meghan Siebneck is a member of Milk-E-Whey and Eclipse, a youth philanthropy organization. She was responsible for collecting coats, hats and mittens from the 4-H members and families. Thank you for your donations, and for the volunteer hours many contributed to this program. Your response to this community need was greatly appreciated.

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