



Clover Connection

Susan E. Russell, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
 Karen B. McDougall, 4-H Program Assistant



July/August 2009

Ohio State University Extension, Hancock County • 7868 CR 140, Suite B, Findlay OH 45840 • (419)422-3851
<http://hancock.osu.edu>

Dear 4-H Families, Advisors, Key Leaders, and Jr. Leaders:

Summertime! It's great to experience warm weather and the 4-H events that come along with it. Members are busy completing projects, competing in contests and looking forward to camp. This summer is more than half over, and with the Ohio State Fair and our county fair coming up, there's more fun to come. I've included some reminders of upcoming events and activities in this issue of the Clover Connection.

We hope everyone is having a great summer with family, and if you have any concerns or questions about the 4-H program, please call 419-422-3851 or e-mail russell.388@osu.edu

Sincerely,

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

Mark Your Calendar:

- July 11 2nd PAS Horse Show in Kenton
- July 16 Clothing Judging
- July 18 4-H Horse Fun Show
- July 21 4-H Miscellaneous Project Judging
- July 23 Kids Fest
Ohio State Fair Orientation

- July 27 Livestock Interviews
Livestock Entries Due
- July 29-Aug. 2 Hancock County 4-H Camp
- July 29-Aug. 9 Ohio State Fair
- August 1 Nominations due for Danforth & Outstanding 4-H awards
- August 5 Make-Up Judging for all projects
- August 11 Cloverbud Day Camp
Poultry Barn Meeting
- August 15 4-H Horse Fun Show
- Sept. 2-7 Hancock County Fair

Opportunities

Service Opportunities

There is always work to be done at the county fairgrounds as preparations are being made for the upcoming fair. Clubs that would like to help with clean up, painting, flowers or other projects should give Nicole a call at the Jr. Fair office, 419-423-1373. Your willingness to help is always appreciated.

Replacement Dairy Feeders Wanted

The Breece family recently lost calves in a barn fire and is hoping that other county 4-H members might have extra calves that could serve as replacements. If you have extras that you'd be willing to sell, call 419-422-3851 as soon as possible and we will pass that information to the family.

4-H Camp

We are almost ready for “**4-Her’s Saving Campers, One Camp at a Time.**” The Camp Staff has been training hard and has exciting activities planned for each day.

Camp dates are July 29-August 2, and the cost is \$135.00. Give us a call if you missed out on registration. All 4-H members who were 8 years old (and in the third grade) through 14 years old (as of January 1, 2009) are invited to attend. A camp registration form is in the Family Handbook. Extra forms are available at the Extension Office. Camp is open to all non-members at a cost of \$140.00, so invite your friends. Registrations will be accepted until the camp is full. Health Forms and Adventure Forms should be submitted with the registration

Our bus is almost full and those who have spots reserved should plan to arrive at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center at 12:30 on the 29th. A nurse will be available to check-in medications. The bus should return on August 2nd by 1:00 p.m.

Jason Hiser Dairy Feeder Award

This award is for young people that have taken the dairy feeder project for at least one year. Applicants must participate in either the beef obstacle course or dairy feeder showmanship and have some experience in judging livestock. The applicant needs to write a paper (of any length) about why this award would be special to them, and tell what has been learned through the years by taking this project. The applicant must make a list of activities he/she is involved in that may cause conflict with the project.

There will be an oral interview given at the convenience of the applicant and the judges during the fair. It will be the applicant’s responsibility to contact Von Bishop to set up a time for the interview. The award cannot be given to the same person two years in a row. The award will be presented by the winner from the previous year. The award will be selected by a special committee of people.

The first place winner will receive a trophy and a \$100 savings bond. The second place winner will receive a \$50 savings bond. The awards will be presented on Sunday evening prior to the Showman of Showmen Contest.

Applications are available on the 4-H web site and will be distributed during the Dairy Feeder Interviews.

Entries are due August 15 and should be mailed to: Karen Hiser, 1450 Inglewood Ave, Findlay, OH 45840.

Award Deadlines

Don’t forget the September 15 deadline for Secretary’s books, Treasurer’s books, the Individual Honor Award and the Banner club applications. (With the fair taking place in September this year, the 15th could catch us all by surprise) All are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Following is an explanation of each award:

Secretary’s Award – Each club secretary should submit his/her book for judging. A score sheet will be available in August at the Extension Office. Please do not submit a scrapbook! Scores will be based on the secretary book only. Look through the book to be aware of things that should be included, such as news clippings, signatures, etc.

Treasurer’s Award – Each club treasurer should submit his/her book for judging. A score sheet will be available in August at the Extension Office. Scores are based on what is requested in the treasurer’s book. Please remember to do the Annual report and the Audit.

Individual Honor Applications are available in the Family Handbook. Extra copies are available at the Extension Office for each 4-H member. This is a non-competitive award in which members are only competing against themselves. The forms must read 2009 at the top. This award is offered to all 4-H members. Please call the 4-H office if help is needed completing this form.

The Banner Club Application may be completed by the club advisor. A 4-H Banner Club is one that makes a special effort throughout the club year to tell the 4-H story to its members, families and the community. There is no limit as to the number of clubs that may receive this award each year. This award is offered as a challenge to individual clubs. This is a challenge within a club for members to work together to achieve a goal rather than a contest between clubs. These forms are available at the 4-H Office and on our web site.

Outstanding 4-H Member Awards & Danforth Awards

All nominations for the 2009 Outstanding 4-H Member and Danforth Awards are due to the Extension Office by August 1. Nominees will be mailed applications that are to be completed and returned to our office. Interviews will be held in September. Nominees may be e-mailed or called in to our office by club advisors by the 1st.

Club News

News reporters were asked to submit club news following every club meeting to be posted on the web site. News may be emailed to meents.1@osu.edu

She would like to receive a list of club officers, meeting dates, special activities, and more. This is a great way to market your club. If your club has a current web site, please send us the link. Additional questions may be directed to Peg Meents.

Important Items & Events

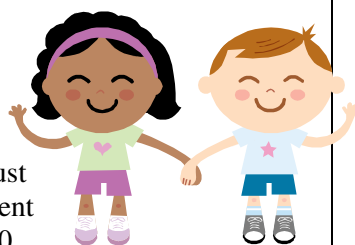
Health Bowl Cancelled

There will be no Health Bowl on August 11th. We realize that many members use contest participation to complete the requirements for Individual Honor Awards. Participation in contests during the Hancock County Fair will be permitted on the forms in 2009.

Cloverbud Day Camp

All Cloverbuds are invited to attend our Cloverbud Day Camp on August 11 at Riverbend Park. This event will take place from 10:00-2:00.

Jr. Leaders will be assisting at this event as they continue to develop their leadership skills. Watch for your invitations and additional details in the mail!



Jr. Leadership Club

The Jr. Leadership Club is currently planning a St. Jude's Bike-a-thon. This is the service project that they have decided to plan and conduct for 2009. Watch for details as they would like to include all 4-H members in this project. Start practicing your bike-riding skills!

Project Work

Discontinued Project Books

Discontinued project books are available at our office. Stop in and take a look. These books will be available until the end of August.

Group Project Judging

If a club has enrolled in a project as a group, the club is responsible for judging that project. Please submit the grade for those members to the Extension Office by August 1st.

Goat Clinic

All 4-H members enrolled in a goat project are invited to attend a Goat Clinic held at the Siferd Farm, 2855 CR 29, Bluffton on **July 15th at 6:00 p.m.** Topics that will be covered include showmanship tips, grooming and nutrition. Call Jamie or Teresa Siferd with additional questions.

Make-Up Judging

If you cannot attend your scheduled judging, you may attend make-up judging on August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. All projects, including livestock will participate in the make-up judging on the 5th. Please call 419-422-3851 to make an appointment.

Remember, if you attend make-up judging, you will not be eligible for county placing, awards or Ohio State Fair selection. As another option, projects may be judged by advisors, but grades must be submitted to our office by August 1st.

Judging Booklet

The 2009 Judging Booklet was mailed to all members in June. Please make sure your name is not missing from the judging in which you should be participating. We try not to miss anyone, but mistakes are sometimes made! Call 419-422-3851 with changes or questions.

Corrections include: Rope, Jr. judged at 2:00 p.m. on the 21st

We also included the Livestock Interview schedule in this booklet. (Also available at our website)

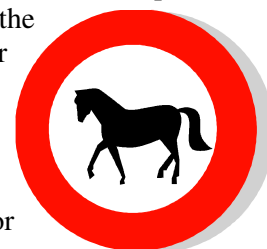
Notice that "You and Your Dog" and "Horseless Horse" are now judged during the Livestock Interviews.

4-H Helmet Rule

Once again, we would like to remind members enrolled in horse projects of the state 4-H helmet rule.

All 4-H members must wear a helmet when participating in a 4-H riding event. This includes riding meetings, 4-H fun shows, 4-H club sponsored shows, Jr. Fair horse show, the 4-H Freestyle, and any other riding event done as a 4-H club.

All questions regarding this policy may be addressed to Susan at 419-422-3851 or russell.388@osu.edu.



4-H Horse PAS/Fun Shows

Each year, there are two qualifying shows for the Ohio State Fair. Our State Fair qualifying shows were June 27 and will be July 11 in Hardin County. Pre-registration was needed for State Fair qualifying. Hancock County "Fun Shows" will be July 18 and August 15. These events are scheduled to give you an opportunity to have fun with fellow 4-H members and showcase your riding abilities. Both fun shows begin at 9:00 a.m.

Livestock Interviews

Livestock project guides are available at our office for all livestock areas. Feel free to pick one up to prepare for the judging event. These are also posted on our web site.

The livestock interview schedule was included in the judging booklet. Please follow times as close as possible so that we can accommodate everyone without long waits. Notice that the interviews are on a week day to avoid sporting events and family outings. Please try to attend on the scheduled day. A special area will be provided for waiting parents. This event takes place at the Hancock County Fairground on July 27th in the show arena.

Members should bring completed project book and any additional pages used for records.

Make-up livestock interviews are scheduled for August 5th at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center for those that might be out of town on the 27th. Please call the 4-H Office at 419-422-3851 to schedule an appointment.

State Fair Skill-a-Thon Dates & Times

Information about the State Fair Skill-a-thons is available on the Ohio Sate Fair web site.

JULY			
24	28	29	30
Goats 2-5pm.	Sheep 10am – 3pm	Horses 9-11am	Dairy Cattle 2-5pm
AUGUST			
3	5	6	7
Dogs 12-4pm	Poultry 3-7pm	Swine 9am – 3pm	Rabbit 10am – 2pm
		Beef Cattle 2-6pm	

Ohio Sate Fair Small Animals

To obtain information & entry forms for small animal events: Ohio State Fair Companion Animal Day (July 31). Visit the following web site:

http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu~prec/4h/sm_animal/index.htm

Dog Projects

Clubs with dog projects need to be aware of the information and rules specific to these projects. Give us a call if you have questions.

Visit <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog> for a state dog calendar resource & project book information, the Ohio 4-H Dog Program & all Ohio State Fair dog information.



Please submit a copy of vaccination papers to our 4-H Office by July 10th.

Market Livestock Projects

Most livestock project books are designed to be used for 3-5 years. All members taking a livestock project for the first time will need to purchase the project book. Resource handbooks for each project area are also recommended. **If planning to attend the Ohio State Fair, please note that the current project & record book will be required.** Three-ring binders are recommended for use in these projects that are continued each year for organizational purposes.

Dairy Feeder Tagging & Vaccination

Dairy feeders should have been registered with the Extension Office by April 1, 2009. There will be no weigh-in or rate-of-gain contest. Calves will be ear-tagged in the parking lot of the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center by Ag Credit when the calves are vaccinated. It is mandatory that all calves receive a vaccination for possible respiratory disorders. Members will be notified of the vaccination date for calves. Watch the mail!

Jr. Fair

Mandatory Turkey Banding

All turkeys must be banded in order to be shown at the fair. Please call Jeff Ewing at 419-293-3325 or Betsy Conrad at 419-293-3194 to set up a time. Turkeys must be banded by July 27. If you cannot get a time scheduled, you will have a last chance to get them done at the fairgrounds on July 27th at 7 p.m. They must be banded to show at the fair.

There will be a mandatory barn meeting on August 11 at 7 p.m in the poultry barn at the Hancock County Fair. If unable to attend, please contact Betsy Conrad, 419-293-3194.

Jr. Fair Royalty

Any boy or girl, freshman and older of the current year, is eligible to be a candidate for the Hancock County Jr. Fair King and Queen (or Prince and Princess). Applications are available at the OSU Extension office, Jr. Fair office and the web site. Applications must be received by July 27th at the Jr. Fair office.

Livestock Entry Forms

Please mark your calendars! The livestock entry form deadline is July 27, 2009. These forms are available from the Family Handbook, Extension Office, Jr. Fair Office and on our website. These forms may be turned into The Jr. Fair office during the livestock interviews or anytime prior to July 27th by the club advisors. Forms should be submitted as an entire club to make record keeping easier for Nicole.

It is the combined responsibility of the member, parent, and advisor to make sure information is completed, and delivered to the Jr. Fair Office by that date. (Members should return the entry form to club advisors so they have time to get it to the Jr. Fair Office) Questions should be addressed to the Jr. Fair Office. Nicole's hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 - 5:00. The phone number is 419-423-1373.

2009 Theme

The theme for the 2009 Hancock County Jr. Fair is "Life is a Road, Where Do You Want to Go?"

Please use this theme as you plan your booth for the fair. Clubs have been assigned booths

Booth Set Up times are listed in the Jr. Fair Book.

The times are:
Saturday, August 29, 10:00-5:00,
Sunday, August 30, 1:00-5:00,
Monday, August 31, 3:30-7:00.

according to member enrollment. Please let Susan know if you have questions concerning your booth assignment.

We realize that boric acid is not readily available for fireproofing of material. Do the best you can in using fireproof materials. Special attention should be paid to extension cords that are being used.

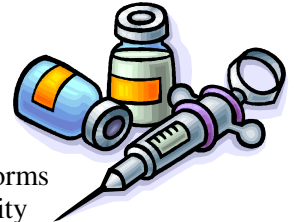
Volunteers for Youth Building

Once again we will need 4-H advisors to work shifts in the Youth Building during the fair. Rather than assigning times, we are asking advisors to call our office and let us know what times work best for you. Please call prior to August 1st!

Livestock Sale

Members must declare at Jr. Fair weigh-in which animal will be taken through the show ring at the Jr. Fair livestock sale. The only changes that will be permitted are in the event of receiving Grand Champion. Please talk this over as member and parent to be prepared to answer the question during weigh-in.

Order of the sale is listed on page 79 of the Jr. Fair Book.



DUNF

Drug Use Notification Forms were discussed during all Quality Assurance sessions. These forms must be completed and shown at the gate before bringing animals onto the fairground. (You must enter the McCleary Gate) Forms will then be submitted at weigh-ins. These forms will be available during the livestock interviews. One form is needed for each market animal. Signatures are required by member and parent. Call the Jr. Fair office with questions. (419-423-1373)

Weigh-In Times

The following are weigh-in times for the fair. Check the Jr. Fair book for required weights to sell.

Tuesday, September 1

Swine	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Turkeys	6:00 p.m.
Chickens	6:00 p.m.
Rabbits	after chickens
Dairy Feeders	6:30 p.m.
Goats	8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2

Lambs	2:00 p.m.
-------	-----------

Thursday, September 3

Steers	10:00 a.m.
--------	------------

Recognition & Awards

Health & Safety Speaking and Skit Contest



This contest was held on June 16th at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Congratulations to the following participants!

Sr. Division

1 st	Travis Glick, Lakeland Leaders
2 nd	Brooke Woodward, Gold Star

Healthy & Safety Speaking Contest winners continued . . .

Jr. Division

1st Shelby Woodward, Gold Star

1st Place Health Skit

Ashton Beach (Country Bumpkins)
Justin Bower (Country Bumpkins)
& Schenia Johnson (SoHanCo Livestockers)

Livestock Judging Contest

Over 130 participants took part in the livestock judging contest on June 18th at the University of Findlay Equestrian Farm. Members judged 7 classes that included beef heifers, market steers, market hogs, breeding gilts, market lambs, breeding ewes and goats. Congratulations to the following!

Senior Individuals

1st – Mark Inbody, All Around Champions
2nd – Travis Glick, Lakeland Leaders
3rd – Brooke Woodward, Gold Star
4th – Courtney Ritter, Buttons & Bows
5th – Caleb vonStein, Country Critters
6th – Luke Fox, Biglick Buckeyes

Intermediate Individuals

1st – Devin Roth, SoHanCo Livestockers
2nd – Joel Ritter, Gold Star
3rd – Schenia Johnson, SoHanCo Livestockers
4th – Lauren Burner, Lucky Star
5th – Shelby Woodward, Gold Star
6th – Michael Witte, Hancock Hareraisers

Junior Individuals

1st – Taylor Kuenzli, Barnstormers
2nd – Mariah Burkholder, Gold Star
3rd – Rebekah White, Buttons & Bows
4th – Ian Moser, Gold Star
5th – Alanna Roth, SoHanco Livestockers
6th – Hannah Johnson, SoHanCo Livestockers

Out of County Individuals

1st – Garret Tuck, Wood County
2nd – Jamie Limes, Wood County
3rd – DeWayne Shawk, Wood County
4th – Caroline Weihl, Wood County

Senior Teams

1st – Katie Cole, Caleb vonStein & Mark Inbody
2nd – Andrew & Matthew Smith, Lucas Fox, Lucas Recker
3rd – Dustin Freed, Austin, Dalton, & Melissa Ream

Junior Teams

1st – Hannah, Megan, Matthew, & Schenia Johnson
2nd – Alanna, Devin, Brittney Roth, & Brett Kloeppe
3rd – Jacob Edwards, Nick Luke, Ian Moser, & Joel Ritter

The first place Jr. & Sr. teams will represent Hancock County at the State Fair. Thank you to Dean vonStein, Charlie Beagle and the University of Findlay for providing livestock for this contest. We would also like to thank all of our other volunteers that made this contest run so smoothly. Thanks to Mary Wilson, Amy Schroeder, John Deeds, Monica vonStein, Barb Stamper, Ryan Stamper, and many Jr. Leaders. Thanks also, to those that assisted at the pens during the judging. We appreciate the University of Findlay for allowing us to use their facility.

Plan to participate in the Livestock Judging Contest at the Hancock County Fair on Sunday, September 6th at 12:30.

Demonstration Contest

This contest took place on June 25 at the Hancock Agricultural Service Center. The results follow:

Sr. Individual - Illustrated Talk or Demonstration

1st Chase Wilson, Jolly Jacksons
2nd Brooke Woodward, Gold Star
3rd Morgan Woodward, Gold Star

Intermediate Individual – Illustrated Talk or Demonstration

1st Shelby Woodward, Gold Star
2nd Aubry vonStein, Country Critters
3rd Annie Talmadge, Milk-E-Whey

Jr. Individual – Illustrated Talk or Demonstration (without technology)

1st Rebekah White, Buttons & Bows
2nd Taylor Cunningham, Lakeland Leaders

All of these participants are invited to compete at the Ohio State Fair in August. Congratulations!

Ohio State University Extension embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that all research and related educational programs are available to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with United States Civil Rights Laws and the USDA.

Keith L. Smith, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Director, Ohio State University Extension

TDD No. 800-589-8292 (Ohio only) or 614-292-1868

