



Clover Connection

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4-H Families, Teen Leaders & Volunteers:

Can you believe it is 2010? Thank you to everyone for your support of the sales tax retention during the November election. It was a very busy fall as many members and volunteers worked tirelessly to educate the public about the need to continue the sales tax. Due to the efforts of many, 4-H is able to continue in 2010. OSU Extension was asked to submit a budget with a 12% reduction for 2010, which we did. Due to a change in Educator responsibilities in the Ag area, and grants received, our office is in good shape. Once again, thank you for your support!

Now it's time to move forward with our program for this year. All materials are completed and ready for pick-up by advisors. Thank you to our support staff for their hard work in preparing materials. Thanks also to Barb Stamper for her help in assembling Family Handbooks.

You are seeing a new look on our web site. Peg has devoted many hours to the transition to a new site. Please let us know how we can help you to find information better. We are in the process of setting up a twitter account and a facebook page. Our hope is to be able to get information to you as quickly and easily as possible.

Watch for 4-H ads to be run on cable networks in February as we expose the "4-H Secret" to all young people in Hancock County. We will be running another ad in May to promote our 4-H camp.

Due to a grant from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, we are able to conduct marketing campaigns for the 4-H program.

We're off to another exciting year. We welcome new volunteers and members, and are sorry to say good-bye to some of our past volunteers. Nancy George has retired as advisor of Power & Pride 4-H Club. We thank her for her 21 years of service. We wish her well as she spends time with her family, especially those grandchildren, and we won't let her get too far away from 4-H. I'm sure we'll be giving her calls to help out in various areas. Thanks, Nancy!

We've tried to include information in this newsletter that will help you get off to a great start. Read it carefully, and if you have questions, don't hesitate to call Susan at 419-422-3851 or e-mail russell.388@osu.edu

Sincerely,

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The 2010 4-H Calendar is located in the back of the 4-H Family Handbook and can also be found at <http://hancock.osu.edu> We will continue to update the calendar on the web site as changes take place and events are added.

Important Dates to Remember:

February 1	New Advisor Applications Due
February 5	OH Teen Conf. Registrations Due
February 6	Friends of the Fair Reverse Raffle
February 8	New Advisor Training Advisor Update
February 9	Advisor Update
February 12	OVC Registrations Due
February 20	Ohio 4-H Teen Conference
February 23	Horse Project Informational Mtg.
March 4	Jr. & Sr. Goat Council
March 7-13	Ohio 4-H Week
March 13	Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference
March 24	L.E.A.D. Conference
March 26	Early Enrollment Deadline
March 28	Shooting Sports Informational Meeting
March 30	Quality Assurance
April 1	Enrollments Due

Important Items & Events

4-H Age Requirements

Eligibility for 4-H membership begins when a child is age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year (Cloverbuds). Membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year. Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. Membership begins when an eligible individual is enrolled in a club or group that is under the direction of a trained adult and within the scope of Ohio State University Extension.

Newsletter

We plan to create 6 Family Newsletters this year. Read carefully so as not to miss important information and deadlines. Advisors need to follow up and make sure all club members are aware of information included in each newsletter. Each newsletter will be posted on our web site.

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

Keep Mailing List Current

Postal regulations mandate that we pay a fee for bulk mail returned to us. Please keep us updated on address changes for advisors and members. Thanks!

Web Site

Check out our web site at <http://hancock.osu.edu>

We have recently migrated to a new look. OSU created a look that is similar for all 88 counties. Feel free to browse through the site and give us your feedback. We are doing all we can to make sure you have access to information needed to have a great 4-H experience. You will find the 4-H Family Handbook, as well as the calendar, forms, etc. Web site questions may be directed to Peg Meents, Kathy Biery or Susan Russell.

2010 4-H Club Organizational Packets

Organizational materials for 4-H Clubs should be picked up at the Extension office. Materials include:

- A packet of materials (one per club) including officer information, enrollment forms, reference sheets and picture release information.
- CD that includes all officer books, forms, and additional resource materials, etc.
- 4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK (includes calendar) – we have printed one per family.
- Notebook and pages for the secretary book.
- Folder including pages for treasurer's book.
- Ohio 4-H Family Guide

4-H Calendars

The 2010 Hancock County Calendars are included in the back of the 4-H Family Handbook. Separate calendars were not printed this year. As we continue to add events, or change dates, you will be notified through this newsletter as well as added to the calendar posted on the web site.

4-H Advisor Update

The dates for the 2010 Advisor Update are February 8th at 7:00 p.m. and February 9th at 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in 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 2010 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 number of materials as well as be able to notify advisors should the weather conditions make changes necessary.

4-H Advisory Council

The 2010 4-H Advisory Council of Hancock County will be meeting to reorganize on January 26, 2010. All past members should return notebooks to the office before that date. An orientation for all new council members will take place at 5:45 on the 26th. Dinner will be served for all members at 6:30, followed by a meeting at 7:00. We appreciate the additional time devoted to the 4-H program by all council members.

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. These constitutions should be reviewed by club members and voted on by the members. Please let me know if you would like to view some samples.

Club Officers

Each club will elect officers to conduct club meetings. Materials are available for each officer to help him/her learn roles and responsibilities. These books are available through the club advisor. Secretary and Treasurer books should be submitted in September to the 4-H office for award opportunities. All officers are encouraged to attend the L.E.A.D. Conference in March for additional training as these officers.

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 12, 2010. 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, he/she receives 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!

Jr. Leadership Club

The Jr. Leadership Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Our program for the January meeting was presented by Carol Taylor from the Family Resource Center. She led activities that encouraged the teens to stand up for what they believe in and how peer pressure feels. Did you know that if you don't know what you believe in, someone can sway your opinion in 30 seconds or less? Thanks to Carol for a great program!

The teens will be creating ditty bags for disabled veterans at the February meeting. Items that are being collected for these bags include: full or travel size toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, comb, wash cloths or loofa, toothbrush, non-alcohol mouthwash, body wash, lotion, small notebooks & tablets, ink pens, "stamped" envelopes, travel size tissues. All items may be brought to the Extension Office prior to the February 16th meeting.

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.

Volunteer Changes

Now is the time of year that new volunteers are being recruited. 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 1, 2010. Once the applications are completed, interviews will take place. All applicants must attend an Advisor Orientation. New volunteers may attend the orientation on February 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Putnam County Extension Office. Please plan for 1 ½ hours.

We are also in need of volunteers wanting to start new clubs. One of the most successful ways to begin a new club is for a group of advisors to split from an existing club with a core group of young people. If you find that more clubs are needed in your community, this would be a great way to grow clubs. Once a club reaches 40-50 youth, a new club is a great plan. That way there continues to be room for growth.

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.



L.E.A.D. Conference

Learn, Educate, Advise and Discover Conference (L.E.A.D.) will take place on Wednesday, March 24 at Van Buren High School. The time of this event is 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. The evening will include a general session, followed by break-out groups for members, parents and advisors. We will offer sessions for club officers, as well as other topic specific sessions. We are inviting all 4-H members, parents and advisors to attend this event. Sessions include a variety of topics and opportunities. (Information enclosed) Adult and youth volunteers will be facilitating the sessions and they have an exciting evening planned for the members. There will be something for everyone. Hope to see you on the 24th!

Please bring
officer books,
paper & pen!

Enrollment and Project Books

Bonus points for the Banner Club Award may be received by returning club enrollment forms to the Extension Office by March 26. The county enrollment deadline is April 1. All new enrollment forms are to be completed by each member and advisor. Project books may be ordered by club advisors by dropping off the form or sending e-mail. Extra project books will be returned by the end of May, so get your project book orders to us starting in March.

Across County Line Membership

Please remember that all members living in another county must have papers on file at the Extension Office. Forms must be completed, and then signed by the 4-H Educator in the county of residence and the county of desired membership. These only need to be completed once. If in doubt, please call the Extension Office, and we'll check our files.

Advisor Enrollment Forms

There is always confusion regarding the Advisor Enrollment Forms. Advisors are required to complete an enrollment form each year. The information is needed for our records each year. If an enrollment form is not returned, it will be assumed that you are no longer an advisor. Forms must be submitted by April 1, 2010. The ratio of advisor to member should be about 1:8, possibly more if all members are young. Try to work to stay close to target. Please help us in keeping accurate records!

Opportunities for Volunteers & Members

Hancock County 4-H Scholarship

Each year two scholarships are awarded, one to a high school senior and one to a college student, in the amount of \$500. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Completed applications are due on March 19, 2010. Applications should be accompanied by one letter of recommendation. Applicants may, or may not have an interview, depending upon the number of applicants. These scholarships are made possible through the Hancock County 4-H Endowment Fund.

4-H Camp Credits

Campers may earn camp credits to attend Hancock County Jr. Camp in two ways:



Memorial Credits – Several credits are available in memory of individuals, and from the 4-H Advisory Council. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Completed applications are due to OSU Extension Hancock County by May 1, 2010.

Frozen Food Credits – Members may earn partial camp credits by selling frozen food in our spring county-wide frozen food sales.

\$250 or more total sales = \$15 toward camp
\$500 or more total sales = \$30 toward camp
\$750 or more total sales = \$85 toward camp

* Reminder - it's important that you put your name on the bottom of each frozen food order form for you to receive credit for the sale.

Remember, camp credit applications are due into the Extension Office by May 1 at 4:30 p.m. These forms may be found on the Hancock County 4-H Web Site, or picked up at our office.

Buckeye Leadership Workshop

Buckeye Leadership Workshop will be held March 24-28 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 25 to David Kalkbrenner, BLW registrar. Total cost of the workshop is \$335. CEU's are also available. Minimum age is 15.

Visit www.buckeyeleadership.com for additional information.

Clover Bud Program

Cloverbuds are open to any child in kindergarten through second grade. Karen McDougall is our Program Assistant that oversees the Cloverbud program. She conducts county-wide meetings on the 3rd Thursday every other month starting in January. Meetings are usually held at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. If you have any questions please feel free to call Karen at 419-422-3851.

4-H Camp

Can you believe we are already planning for 4-H Camp? Our camp dates for 2010 are June 29-July 3. We will be at 4-H Camp Ohio and our theme will be built around Medieval Times. Please get those dates on your calendar!

We began training our Camp Counselors/CIT's in January. Thirty-two 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 plan and conduct the camp.

Cost of camp is \$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, so bring your friends. We are 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 2010!! If you have any questions regarding the camp program, please contact Susan at 419-422-3851. Counselors would be thrilled to make a presentation at club meetings.

BeHealthyNow

The BeHealthyNow program is being offered for the third year. Our kick-off for 2010 was held on January 16 at the Findlay Village Mall. We have expanded the youth program this year, so plan to attend the fantastic youth events. We will be conducting Final Friday Fitness at the YMCA. All children, 5th-8th grades are invited to attend on the final Friday of February, March and April, as we participate in fun fitness activities from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45. Call 419-422-3851 to register your child or for additional information.

Ohio 4-H Teen Conference

The 6th Annual Ohio 4-H Teen Conference, "Accept the Challenge" will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010 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. \$5 is the deposit required from the teens, and the remaining amount is sponsored by donors. Registration deadline is February 5th, and the information is available at the Extension Office or on our web site. A transportation waiver is required, and also available at the office.

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.

Endowment Fundraiser

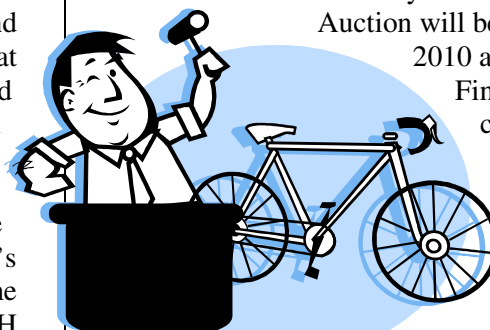
The Hancock County 4-H Endowment Dinner & Auction will be held on April 3, 2010 at the Lighthouse in Findlay. Dinner is being catered by Greenbriar Catering.

All clubs are asked to donate three items for the auction.

Monetary donations will also be accepted so we may purchase items for the auction. Tickets are available at \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Drawings will give away at least \$1,000. You need not be present to win the cash drawings, so feel free to purchase your ticket even if unable to attend the event. Students are not eligible for the cash drawings. Each club has been asked to sell four tickets, and those tickets will be available to the Organizational Advisors in February. Please return money and unsold tickets to the Extension Office by March 19th.

A portion of money raised this year will be sent to our 4-H Endowment and a portion will remain with the 4-H Advisory Council to finance 4-H programming. Our Endowment Fund now stands at close to \$170,000 so the committee has decided to use part of the proceeds to grow the endowment and part for immediate programming needs.

Anyone may attend this event, 4-H and non-4-H. Thanks for your help in getting this event promoted in the community.



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

The 2010 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Bob Evans Farms Recognition Luncheon will take place at the Columbus Convention Center on March 13, 2010. 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 12, 2010. 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.

And My Hands to Larger Service...

All clubs should be planning service projects. Two community service projects that the county has been a part of are the Easter Rose Sale and the Spring Clean Up.

Over the years the Easter Rose Sale has become called the Hancock County Society for the Handicapped so as not to be confused with Easter Seals. April 9 & 10 are dates that have been selected for this collection. Please notify us of the location your club plans to serve. Supplies will be available at the 4-H Office. We've participated in this project for many years, and continue to collect large amounts of money to be used for the handicapped within Hancock County. We are the only group to collect donations for this cause. Many ramps for the handicapped have been built using money raised in this project. This activity counts toward honor individual awards and banner clubs. All money should be returned to the 4-H Office by Monday, April 12, 2010 by 4:30.

The County-wide Spring Clean Up will take place on April 24th. Clubs need to sign up with Courtney to participate in the "Spring Clean Up." Letters should be coming in the mail to organizational advisors. Details will be included in those letters. This is a great opportunity to teach your club members about community service and recycling of trash. Please have members wear gloves during pickup and colors that can be easily seen while at the side of the road.

Projects

County Fair Steer Info

All independent and finished dairy beef steers as well as born & raised in Hancock County steers must be in the member's possession by January 1, 2010. 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. These projects should have been registered on our web site by January 15th.

The Fair Board is requiring that all steers be tagged. A tagging and weigh-in has been scheduled for January 30 at the Hancock County Fairground from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Four steers may be tagged, but only two taken in each beef steer show. The FFA/4-H member does not need to be present. Additional questions may be directed to Nicole Hoffman, Jr. Fair Coordinator at 419-429-7344.

2010 Project Update

Notebooks of project books are available at the Extension Office so members may view project books during club meetings. Notebooks must be reserved so please call ahead.

New:

- 365.17 Babysitting Idea Starter
- 483 Sports Nutrition: On Your Mark!
- 484 Snack Attack!
- 485 Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals
- 492R Cake Decorating
- 497 Scrapbooking: A 4-H Guide to Preserving Memories
- 641 Bee Keeping
- 671 How Does Your Garden Grow?

Revised:

- 750 Rifle Officer Books

Discontinued Projects:

- 365.10 Scrapbooking Idea Starter
- 466 Mini Meal Magic
- 468 Meals in Minutes
- 673 From Seed to Flower

Quality Assurance

All 4-H members that are enrolled in market livestock projects must participate in a Quality Assurance Program. Two opportunities will be offered in our county. March 30 is scheduled at Liberty Benton High School and May 20 is at Van Buren High School. Additional opportunities exist in neighboring counties at no charge.

A test-out option will be offered to members at least 15 years old as of 1/1/2010 and will be in effect for the remainder of his 4-H career. Members enrolled in swine projects, 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 date will be April 7, 6:30-9:00. The test takes about 30 minutes to complete. You may come and leave anytime during the posted times. Call Susan with additional questions.

Orientation for Members Enrolled in Horse Projects

An orientation will be held for all members enrolled in a horse project on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. 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, Maintaining Records, Required clothing, Fair entries, etc.

Livestock Project Judging

New livestock project books are recommended. However, most livestock project books may be used for 3-5 years. Activities completed for the current year should be dated accordingly. A three-ring binder is recommended to help you organize your records for each year. All members taking a livestock project for the first time will need to purchase the project book. Resource books for each project area are also available and highly recommended. If planning to attend the state fair, please understand that a new project and record book must be purchased each year.

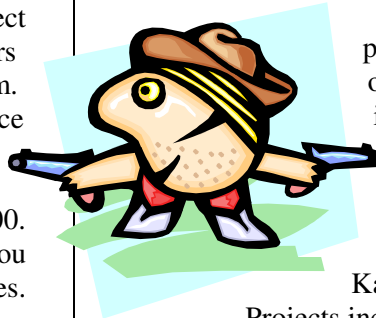
Livestock projects will be judged at livestock interviews again this year. Clubs will be assigned times and will be included in the Judging Booklet, which is distributed in May or June. Completion of your 4-H project, and attendance at Quality Assurance is required to show your project at the Hancock County Fair. The interviews will complete your project. For answers to your questions, please contact Susan at 419-422-3851.

2010 Family Guide on-Line

The digital version of the 2010 Family Guide is available at www.ohio4h.org/familyguide/index.html. Hard copies are available at the office.

Shooting Sports

All 4-H members that would like to participate in a shooting sports project must be enrolled in a 4-H Club.



To take a shooting sports project, members must work with our county instructors. Our instructors include Don Stine, Robert Dunn, Bruce Sampson, Tish Sampson, Molly Sampson, Brian Rader, Robert Drake, Cory Bryan and Karen McDougall.

Projects included in the Shooting Sports program are Rifle (750), Archery (751), Shotgun (752), Pistol (753), Hunting & Wildlife (754), Muzzle Loading (755), and Living History (756).

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Meeting dates for specific projects will be discussed at that meeting.

Dairy Feeders

Dairy feeder registration will be completed on the enrollment form this year. No other registration is required by 4-H members. FFA members may register by calling the Extension Office at 419-422-3851.

Calves will be ear-tagged and vaccinated by Ag Credit in the south parking lot of the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. It is mandatory that all calves receive a vaccination for possible respiratory disorders. Members will be notified of the vaccination date for calves.

Horse I.D. Cards & Lease Agreements

All members enrolled in a horse project must submit a completed horse identification card to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on June 1, 2010. If a member is leasing a horse, the lease agreement must also be on file at the Extension Office by June 1, 2010. All members and parents are required to sign a liability waiver prior to participating in any 4-H riding event. Horse Safety & Ethics books are also available that must be read and signed by each 4-H member in the family, along with the parents. All forms will be available at the Horse Member Orientation on the 23rd.

Jr. Fair News

2010 Jr. Fair Theme

The theme selected for this year's fair is "Jr. Fair – Mixing It Up Country Style".

Friends of the Fair

The 4th annual "Friends of the Fair Reverse Raffle" will be held on Saturday, February 6th at the Northridge Club. There is still time to get your ticket. This is your chance to support Friends of the Fair's great projects and have a good time doing it. Last year's raffle was a huge success. Proceeds from this 2010 event will be used to make improvements to the Show Arena. Tickets are \$100 each - only 200 tickets to be sold! One meal and reverse raffle is included in the cost. Meal ticket may be purchased for \$25. Last number drawn wins grand prize of \$5,000.

Awards & Recognition

Special 4-H Awards

Congratulations to all recipients of 4-H Awards in 2009. The 2009 Outstanding 4-Her Awards were presented to Alexandra McGrain and Travis Glick. Alex is the daughter of Denny and Kathy McGrain, and a senior at Van Buren High School. She is a ten year member of the Millstream Farmers 4-H Club. She has attended State Leadership Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus, and National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. She has served on the State Fashion Board, State 4-H Ambassador and Ohio 4-H Teen Council.

Travis is the son of Wes and Tammy Glick and a freshman at the University of Toledo. He is a ten-year member of Lakeland Leaders 4-H Club and has been a member of the Jr. Fair Board, Jr. Leadership Club and Camp Counselor.

The Danforth "I Dare You" awards were presented to David Cunningham and Brooke Woodward. David is the son of Derek and Cheryl Cunningham. He is a junior at Carey High School and has served as a Camp Counselor and Jr. Leader.

Brooke is the daughter of Mike and Jill Woodward of Bluffton. She is a sophomore at Bowling Green State University and has attended State Conservation Camp, State Leadership Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus, and National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

Congratulations to all of our teens for outstanding accomplishments!

2010 4-H Advisory Council

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



Arcadia

Shari Burkmier - adult

Shawn Burkmier - teen

Arlington

Deb Beagle – adult

Mary Ellen Stine - teen

Cory Rawson

Beth White - adult

Ashley Siferd - teen

Findlay

Jan Layne – adult

Shelby Fletcher - teen

Liberty Benton

Mikayla Brown - teen

McComb

Susie Stoepfel - teen

Riverdale

Kay Livingston – adult

Molly Sampson – adult

Isaac Sampson - teen

Van Buren

Alexandra McGrain - teen

Vanlue

Laura Breece - adult

At-large Representative

Susan Allen - adult

Junior Leadership Representatives

Alexis Moser - teen

Chase Wilson - teen

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 10, 2009. Outstanding Service to 4-H was presented to Mennel Milling and Dave Braun. The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Carmen Brown and Nancy George.

Mennel Milling has donated flour for our Breads of Harvest program that is conducted with third and fourth graders in Hancock County. We appreciate their support of the youth through this program. Mr. Braun has also invited any 4-H club that would like to tour the facility to give him a call.

Carmen is advisor for Prospectors 4-H Club and serves on the 4-H Advisory Council. You will find her at numerous county 4-H events throughout the year supporting club members as well as her own children. She has presented programs on public speaking and is always ready to help when needed.

Nancy has been advisor of Power & Pride 4-H Club for over 20 years. She has conducted numerous workshops on food and nutrition and is also a past member of the 4-H Advisory Council.

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:



35 years	Rolland Russell, Susan Russell
25 years	Brad Beach, Karen McDougall, Linda Siferd
20 years	Gina Burkholder, Patrick Flinn, Terri Price, Judy Stephens
15 years	Richard Badertscher, Mitch Welty
10 years	Chris Allen, Lori Anspach, Peggy Grandbois, Becky Ream, Teresa Siferd, Emily Spaeth
5 years	Laura Breece, Megan Burgess, Deb Core, Valerie Dougherty, Megan James, Eric King, Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowrey, Denise Mitchell, Bruce Sampson, Tish Sampson, Bonnie Schimmoeller

These advisors will be recognized at the Ohio Volunteer Conference in Columbus this March.

Thank you to all advisors for their commitment and hard work!

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