



Clover Connection

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

Wow! The air conditioning is feeling pretty good right now. It has been a fast and furious summer. Camp was great. We watched as campers tried high ropes for the first time, ate food they had never tried and got to know kids from all over the county. 4-H camp is an experience your child will remember for a lifetime. Counselors did a great job. This is a learning opportunity for our counselors and I believe they would share that they would not trade this experience for anything. Dates for our 2011 camp are once again in June. We will publicize those as soon as we have exact dates.

Judging went very well this year. Our judges were very knowledgeable in specific areas and related well with young people. Please remember that the judges' decisions are opinions by that person on that day. Project knowledge, & life skills learned are far more important than a first place ribbon. Please take this opportunity to discuss judging with your child in the event a B grade was received. In most cases, a B is given when project books are not completed or items were not made. This would be a great time to talk about what to do differently the following year. In some instances no county placing was announced. Automatic awards were not given if only one or two members took the project. The project work needed to be worthy of the award. It seemed as though members had a great time as they carried in projects to share with the judge, and the locations worked out well.

Our members are doing very well at the State Fair this year. I would like to thank all the parents that made a special effort to provide transportation so young people could have a great experience.

School will be starting soon and we hope to see many of you at the Hancock County Fair. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at russell.388@osu.edu or phone: 419-422-3851.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Russell
 Extension Educator
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Dates to Remember:

- Aug. 14** 4-H Horse Fun Show
- Sept. 1- 6** Hancock County Fair
- Sept. 7** Projects released from booths
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 15** Award Applications Due
- Sept. 21** Jr. Leadership Club
- Sept. 28** 4-H Advisory Council

Jr. Fair

2010 Theme

The theme for the 2010 Hancock County Jr. Fair is "Jr. Fair Mixin' it Up Country Style." Please use this theme as you plan your booth for the fair. Booth assignments will be available after August 16th.

Booth set up times are listed in the Jr. Fair Book. The times are: Saturday, August 28, 10:00-5:00, Sunday, August 29, 1:00-5:00, and Monday, August 30, 3:30-7:00.

4-H Still Project Premium List

Verify the 4-H "still project list" at the front table in the Youth Building when working on booths. Only 4-H projects that are actually exhibited at the fair are eligible to receive premium money. If a club has no booth, projects may be exhibited in the countywide project booth. All projects must be in place by 7:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the fair (August 31).

Jr. Fair Passes

Passes for 4-H club members may be picked up at the Jr. Fair office. The hours for the week are 9:00-5:00. These were available when livestock entries were submitted. If you had no livestock in your club, please stop by and pick up your passes.

Entrances to the Fairground

All livestock shall come through the McCleary Gate on the Tuesday prior to the fair. Please provide completed Drug Use Notification Forms to be checked as you enter.

4-H ID Required for Ride Ticket

Jr. Fair Day will be every day with proper Jr. Fair ID. There is a one-day limit per member, \$13.00 for all day. This may be picked up on the day you want to ride by showing your 4-H membership cards. These have been available to club advisors since June. Check to see if your advisor has your card.

Youth Building Activities

Special events are scheduled in the Youth Building every day during the fair. Check out the enclosed schedule. All events will be conducted as contests, and winners will be announced each day.

Skill-a-thon participants may complete the event anytime during the posted times. Completion should take about 15 minutes.

An overall award will be given to top scores of those completing all skill-a-thons.

Livestock Poster Contest

All exhibitors who sold at the 2009 Jr. Fair livestock sale must create a "Thank You" poster and hang by the end of the first day of the fair. All posters should be 14" x 22" to be eligible for winning the contest. Judging takes place the second day of the fair.

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These forms will be collected at weigh-in. One form is required for each market animal. (One form may be used for a meat rabbit pen of three) The forms were covered extensively during Quality Assurance sessions. Please take time to complete the form in its entirety. All signatures are required. For help in completing these forms, please call Susan at 419-422-3851. We do not want any forms returned to us by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture. Honesty is essential in the completion of these forms.

Important
Fair Info!

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.

Weigh-In

The following is the weigh-in schedule for the Hancock County Fair. **Please remember to have completed Drug Use Notification Forms to submit during weigh-in of your animal.**

Tuesday August 31

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.
Dairy Steers	after Dairy Feeders
Goats	8:00 p.m.

Wednesday September 1

Lambs	2:00 p.m.
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Thursday September 2

Steers	10:00 a.m.
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Livestock Premium Money

Premium money for livestock projects may be picked up at the Jr. Fair Office the day following your show, 1:00 – 4:00. If money is not picked up by Monday, premium will be forfeited.

Show Arena

The show arena has recently undergone a makeover. I think you will be amazed at the transformation that has taken place. A commission is withheld from livestock sale checks each year to assist with the maintaining of livestock buildings, as well as help with the sale expenses. A show arena project donation form has been included in this packet for those clubs or individuals that would like to support this project. Please let the Fair Board members know that you appreciate what they do for the Jr. Fair.

Jr. Fair Board Applications

Applications are available from the Jr. Fair Office, and should be submitted by September 17th to that office. Applicants must be an active member of a Jr. Fair organization and a freshman, sophomore, or junior at the time of selection.

Opportunities

Help Needed at the Hancock County Fair

The 4-H Advisors are again asked to patrol the Youth Building during the Hancock County Fair.



Volunteer Services

Each club is asked to assist at least once during the fair. You will be asked to sit in the front of the building and

answer questions. It will be a relaxing time at the fair, and a great time to share the 4-H story with the community. Please call the office with your preferred time.

Volunteers are also needed during booth set up times and release hours. Please let Susan know if you would like to help out.

Outstanding 4-H Member Awards & Danforth Awards

All nominations for the 2010 Outstanding 4-Hers and Danforth Awards were due to the Extension Office by August 1. Nominees will be mailed "Report Forms" that are to be completed and returned to our office by September 10th. Interviews will take place in September.

Blood Drive

Hancock County Jr. Leadership Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, September 4 at the Hancock County Fair.



Please schedule an appointment between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by calling 419-422-3851.

Jason Hiser Dairy Feeder Award

This award is for the kids 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.

This award is presented in memory of Jason Hiser, who died at the age of 21 as the result of a farm accident. Jason loved the fair and dairy feeders. He was an eight year member of Rocky Ford Guys and Gals 4-H Club. Guidelines and application may be downloaded at our 4-H web site.

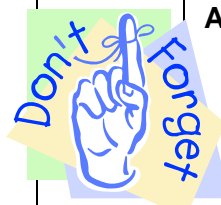
The award will be presented by the winner from the previous year. The first place winner will receive a trophy and a \$100 savings bond. The second place winner will receive a \$50 savings bond. The award will be presented on Sunday evening prior to the Showman of Showmen Contest.

Entries are due August 13, and need to be mailed to:

Karen Hiser
1450 Inglewood Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840

Award Deadlines

Don't forget the **September 15** deadline for Livestock Awards, Secretary's books, Treasurer's books, the Individual Honor Award and the Banner Club applications. All are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. An explanation of each award is included in this newsletter.



Important Items & Events

Going Out To Eat?

Attend the Bob Evans Community Fun Night to support the Hancock County Fair

Bring your flier on Wednesday, August 11, 4:00-9:30 p.m. to donate 15% of the sales to the Hancock County Fair.



You must present the flier.

Pick it up at the Extension Office or Sr. Fair Office.

Horse Fun Shows

The remaining 4-H Horse Fun Show is scheduled for August 14. Spectators are always welcome! Come on out and show your support for these 4-Hers!

Club Financial Records

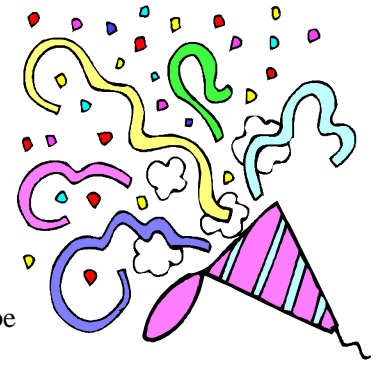


All 4-H clubs must submit club treasurer and checking account records to the Extension Office by September 15. An audit of all books will be done by a committee. It is a great time

for advisors to sit with the club treasurer and make sure records are accurate.

Celebration of 4-H

4-H Achievement Night will take place on **Thursday, October 7** at the First Presbyterian Church on South Main, Findlay. The event will be held 7:00-8:30 p.m.



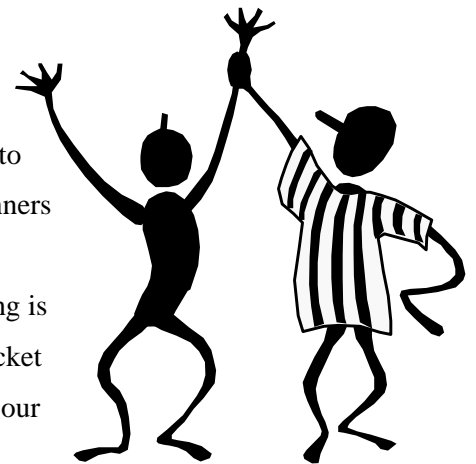
There will be displays of project work, activity displays, & many awards for members to pick up. The ice cream sundaes were a huge hit last year and will be offered once again. Presentation of special awards will take place at 8:00 p.m. All 4-H members and their families are encouraged to attend this Celebration of 4-H.

Recognition & Awards

Project Winners

Congratulations to all county project winners and contest winners.

A complete listing is enclosed with this packet and may be found on our 4-H web site.



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