



Clover Connection



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

What an exciting summer we have had in the 4-H program! It has been great to see so many outstanding projects and such great participation in 4-H activities. We'll soon be gearing up for the County Fair to finish out the year.

It is also a summer of changes for 4-H in Hancock County. On June 30, Susan Russell, former Extension Educator - 4-H Youth Development, retired. Gary Wilson, Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources, plans to retire on August 31.

To maintain our outstanding Hancock County 4-H program, your County Extension 4-H team has been at work. Kelsey, Karen, Kathy, Dawn, Peg, Gary, and Barb are committed to keeping the program going at close to full speed. Your 4-H Advisory Council is also stepping up to assist.

The process has been initiated to hire a new 4-H Educator for Hancock County as soon as possible.

Feel free to call any time with your questions. Let's finish the 4-H year with a great fair, and exciting recognition events, as we strive to develop "blue ribbon" boys and girls.

See you at the Fair!

Sincerely,

Gary W. Wilson *Barbara A. Brahm*

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Important Dates to Remember:

AUGUST

- 8 Livestock Project Interviews at Fairgrounds
 Jr Fair Livestock Entries due (HCF)
 Jr Fair Royalty Applications due (HCF)
- 10 4-H Horse Council (HCF)
- 11 Jr Fair Board (HCF)
- 13 4-H Horse Fun Show (HCF)
- 15 Jason Hiser Dairy Feeder Applications Due
- 20 Jr Fair Board – Building Set Up (HCF)
- 27 Youth Building open 10 am – 5 pm (HCF)
- 28 Youth Building open 1 – 5 pm (HCF)
- 29 Youth Building open 3:30 – 7 pm (HCF)
- Aug. 31 – Sept 5 Hancock County Fair

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 6 Projects released 11 am – 5 pm (HCF)
 Jr Fair Board Work Night 4 pm (HCF)
- 8 Jr Fair Board Meeting 6 pm (HCF)
- 14 4-H Horse Council (HCASC)
- 15 Banner Club, Secretary, Treasurer, Livestock &
 Individual Honor Award Applications due
 Cloverbud Meeting 6:15 pm (HCASC)
- 16 Jr Fair Board Applications Due
- 21 Jr Leadership Club Meeting (HCASC)
- 27 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
- 28 Jr Fair Board Interviews 4 – 6 pm (HCF)
- 29 Jr Fair Board Interviews 4 – 6 pm (HCF)

OCTOBER

- 4 Celebration of 4-H at First Presbyterian Church

Jr. Fair

2011 Theme

The theme for the 2011 Hancock County Jr. Fair is "Jr. Fair City Lights...Country Nights." Please use this theme as you plan your booth for the fair. Booth assignments are enclosed.

Booth set up times are listed in the Jr. Fair Book. The times are: Saturday, August 27, 10:00-5:00, Sunday, August 28, 1:00-5:00, and Monday, August 29, 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. Monday prior to the fair (August 29).

Jr. Fair Passes

Advisors can pick up passes for 4-H club members starting on August 15th at the Jr. Fair office. The hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Monday - Friday.

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 were sent to members in June.

Youth Building Activities

Special events are scheduled in the Youth Building during the fair. Check out the enclosed schedule.

Skill-a-thon participants may complete the event anytime during the posted times. Small and large animal divisions will be available.

Livestock Poster Contest

All exhibitors who sold at the 2010 Jr. Fair livestock sale can create a "Thank You" poster and hang by the end of the first day of the fair. There is a new Poster Workshop being held in the Show Arena from 10 am – 5pm on Saturday, August 27th. Bring a blank poster, they'll have basic supplies, plus a list of 2010 Livestock Sale buyers. All posters should be 14" x 22" to be eligible for winning the contest. Judging takes place the second day of the fair.

Entrances to the Fairground

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

DUNF

These forms will be collected at weigh-in. DUNF forms must be completed for market steer, market swine, market lamb, beef feeder/dairy beef feeder, market dairy steer, market goat, market poultry, lactating dairy cattle, & lactating goat. One form is required for each animal. 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 Nicole Hoffman at 419-423-1373. We do not want any forms returned to us by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture. Honesty is essential in the completion of these forms.



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 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

Lambs	2:00 p.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 is still undergoing a makeover. The commission that is withheld from livestock sale checks each year is used to help fund maintenance 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 16th 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.

Goat Pens

The Hancock County Goat Council is still accepting donations for new goat pens at the fair. For more information phone Jamie or Teresa Siferd at 419-358-6713 or 419-722-0240.

Hancock County Sheep Barn Project

Donations are still being accepted for the sheep barn project at the fair. Contributions can be mailed to Amy Schroeder, 7744 St. Rt. 613, McComb, OH 45858. Make checks payable to Hancock County Sheep Improvement Association.

Opportunities

Help Needed at the Hancock County Fair

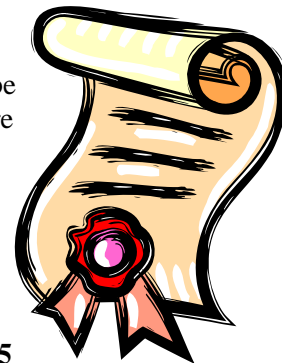
The 4-H Advisors are again asked to patrol the Youth Building during the Hancock County Fair.

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 can be a relaxing time at the fair, as well as a way 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 Barb Brahm know if you would like to help out.

Outstanding 4-H Member Awards & Danforth Awards

All nominations for the 2011 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 15th. Interviews will take place in September.



Award Deadlines

Don't forget the **September 15** deadline for Livestock, Non-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 below.

Secretary's Award – Each club secretary should submit their book for judging. Please do not submit a scrapbook! Scores will be based upon the Secretary's 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 must submit their book for judging. Scores are based on what is requested in the treasurer's book. Please remember to do the Annual report and the Audit. (forms are available at the web site)

Individual Honor Applications are available in the 4-H Family Handbook, and extra copies are available at the Extension Office. This is a non-competitive award in which members are only competing against themselves. The forms must read 2011 at the top. This award is offered to all 4-H members.

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 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.

Livestock & Non-Livestock Awards – Forms are available in the 4-H Family Handbook as well as on the web site. All 4-H members interested in receiving an award must submit a form.

Jason Hiser Dairy Feeder Award

This award is for the youth 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 Thursday evening during the Dairy Feeder Show.

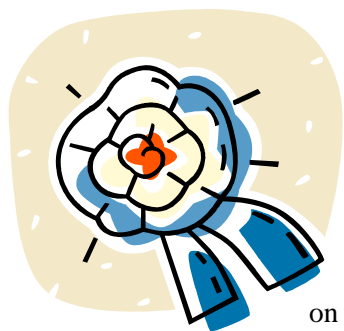
Entries are due August 15, and need to be mailed to:
Karen Hiser
1450 Inglewood Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840

Horse Fun Show

The remaining 4-H Horse Fun Show is scheduled for August 13. Spectators are always welcome! Come on out and show your support for these 4-Hers!

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.

Important Items & Events

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.

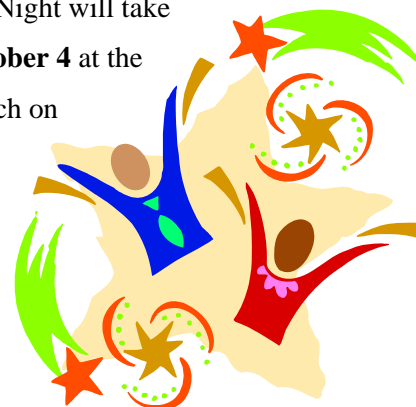
Celebration of 4-H

4-H Achievement Night will take place on **Tuesday, October 4** at the First Presbyterian Church on South Main, Findlay.

The event will be held 7:00-8:30 p.m. so

mark your calendar as this is a fun conclusion and recognition for all

4-H members and their families.



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