



# Clover Connection



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### 4-H Families, Teen Leaders & Volunteers:

Welcome to 2011! The staff at the Extension office would like to wish you a Happy New Year.



We have been very busy preparing materials for the 4-H 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.

We work to keep current information on our web site. Please check out [hancock.osu.edu](http://hancock.osu.edu) for news and events taking place in the 4-H program area.

We're off to another exciting year. We would like to welcome new volunteers and members. We've tried to include information in this newsletter that will help you get off to a great start.

Once again, 2011 promises to be a year of change. After 35 years in education, I am looking forward to retirement. Present plans include retiring from my position in June. We have a great resource in volunteers that will see that the 4-H program makes a smooth transition without missing a beat. It is our hope that a 4-H Educator will be hired by fall. We will keep you updated as the process moves forward.

We're looking forward to an outstanding year. Please help us with recruitment, and maintaining present members. Flexibility in the clubs is a must if we are to continue working with extremely busy young people. Youth must see the value in our program, so please make meetings worth attending. Do not do everything for them. 4-H is "Learn by Doing." Club members make decisions, work in committees, and grow together. All volunteers are required to attend at least one training each year. Only those that attend training will be listed as a 4-H volunteer in 2011. Check out the opportunities, and see how we can "Make the Best Better."

Sincerely,

*Susan E. Russell*

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### Important Items & Events

#### 4-H Calendars

The 2011 4-H Calendar is located at [hancock.osu.edu](http://hancock.osu.edu) and can also be found in the back of the 4-H Family Handbook. We will continue to update the calendar on the web site as changes take place and events are added.

**Important Dates to Remember:****JANUARY**

- 14 State Achievement Records Due
- 15 Be Healthy Now Kick-Off
- 17 Office Closed
- Counselor/CIT Training 9:00-11:30 am
- 19 Jr. Leadership Club
- 20 Cloverbuds
- 25 4-H Advisory Council

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 New Advisor Applications Due
- 8 Advisor Update
- 9 Camp Counselor/CIT Training
- 11 OVC & OTC Registrations Due
- 15 4-H Volunteer Training, Putnam Co.
- 16 Jr. Leadership Club
- 22 Shooting Sports Info Meeting

**MARCH**

- 3 Jr. & Sr. Goat Council
- 6-12 Ohio 4-H Week
- 9 Camp Counselor/CIT Training
- 12 Ohio 4-H Volunteer & Teen Conference
- 21 L.E.A.D. Conference
- 25 Early Enrollment Deadline
- 26 Collections for Handicapped Society
- 28 Camp Counselor/CIT Training
- 31 Quality Assurance

**April 1 Enrollments Due**

**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 (Clover-buds). 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.

**Web Site**

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

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.

**4-H Volunteer Guidelines**

We pride ourselves on our outstanding 4-H volunteers. We expect our volunteers to be role models for young people. There are standards that must be followed, and we encourage volunteers to abide by those guidelines. Those are listed on the Standard of Behavior that was signed by all volunteers.

4-H volunteers must attend at least one training opportunity each year. The year of service will not be counted as an advisor if that volunteer does not attend at least one training opportunity. Volunteers that serve on the 4-H Advisory Council may count that as training.

**Training Opportunities Coming Soon:****FEBRUARY**

- 8 Advisor Update-Hancock  
Ag Service Center 6:30-8:00 pm
- 15 Volunteer Training  
OSU Extension Putnam Co. (Flier included)

**MARCH**

- 12 Ohio Volunteer Conference in Columbus
- 15 Volunteer Training in Henry County  
(Flier included)
- 21 LEAD Conference 7:00 pm

**4-H Advisor Update**

The 2011 Advisor update will be held Tuesday,

February 8th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Light refreshments will be served as many will be coming from work. This update



will be a review of existing programs and opportunities as well as an update on new 4-H projects and changes in the 2011 program. Bring your notebook and be ready to share ideas! At least one advisor from each club must attend the update. Advisors will be notified through Facebook, web site and WFIN should the weather conditions make changes necessary.

## 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 the 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 notification when the 4-H newsletter is posted, please e-mail Kathy at [biery.12@osu.edu](mailto:biery.12@osu.edu) or mark it on enrollment forms.

## 2011 4-H Club Organizational Packets

Organizational materials for 4-H clubs should be picked up at the Extension office by an advisor.

### Materials include:

- Enrollment forms for members and advisors
- Club Officer Books (We discovered that officers were not receiving the books; please make sure they have these)
  - Secretary Book notebook and pages
  - Folder with treasurer's book pages
- 4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK (4-H Calendar is at the back!) – we have printed one per family.
- 4-H Ohio Family Guide

## 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 on March 21st for additional training.

## Jr. Leadership Club

The Jr. Leadership Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Our program for the January meeting will be "Teen Texting and Driving."

The teens were given information regarding the Ohio Teen Conference being held in March. Registrations, along with \$5, are due to the Extension office by February 11. Transportation will be provided by adult volunteers.

All Jr. Leaders should return a completed enrollment form by the January meeting. Each member must be enrolled in a leadership project. County Government project may be used as an option this year.

Thank you to all the members for donating canned goods for the City Mission. Donations were very much appreciated.

We're hoping to make a trip to Mad River Mountain in February. It sounds like a fun trip.

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 Wednesday evenings, it's not too late to join. Just come to the next meeting, and we will get you enrolled.

## Frozen Food Sale

Each year Hancock County 4-H offers a Spring Frozen Food Sale. Order forms will be available in our office after February 16, 2011. Once again, we are giving members the opportunity to earn camp credits for their efforts. 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. Each club that submits a total of sales over \$500 will go into a drawing to receive a pizza party. 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!

## L.E.A.D. Conference

Learn, Educate, Advise and Discover Conference (L.E.A.D.) will take place on Monday, March 21. The time of this event is 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and the place will be announced. 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 is enclosed). Please bring officer books, paper and pen. 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 21st!

## 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.

## 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, 2011. Once the applications are completed, interviews will take place. All applicants must attend an Advisor Orientation. New volunteers may attend the orientation on February 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the office of OSU Extension Putnam Co., or March 15th in Henry County. Please plan for 2 hours.

Volunteers are always needed 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.

It is suggested that there be at least one year between 4-H membership and applying as a 4-H advisor. It is also recommended that there be one advisor for every eight members. Too many advisors make it difficult for the members to take ownership of the club; too few advisors may lead to burn-out. If you have questions, please contact Susan.

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.

## 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 25. 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.

## 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, 2011. As a reminder, 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 15, 2011. 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:

1. **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 the Extension Office by April 15, 2011. (Earlier date this year)
2. **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 April 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

These forms may be found:

- in the back of the Family Handbook
- on the 4-H web site (Applications & Forms)
- or picked up at our office

### Buckeye Leadership Workshop

Buckeye Leadership Workshop will be held March 23-27 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. Early 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.

For additional information, visit their web site <http://www.buckeyeleadership.com>

## Clover Bud Program

Clover buds are open to any child in kindergarten through second grade. Karen McDougall is our Program Assistant who oversees the clover bud 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.



The January & March meetings will focus on "Choose It, Use It." This is a program for kids to become healthier... by choosing more fruits and vegetables, and using their bodies to exercise! Choosing to eat a variety of foods and choosing the right portion sizes are important to being healthy. We will give these young ones the opportunity to make healthy choices. It should be lots of fun.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Karen at 419-422-3851.

## 4-H Camp

We are already looking forward to 2011 4-H Camp. We will be traveling to 4-H Camp Ohio June 13-17 this summer. Please get those dates on your calendar!

We began training our Camp Counselors/CIT's in December due to an earlier camp date. Thirty-seven 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 be included in the camp fee, and Camp CD's may be purchased for \$3 (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 2011!! If you have any questions regarding the camp program, please contact Susan at 419-422-3851. Counselors will be thrilled to make presentations at club meetings to promote the camp program.

## Combined 4-H Teen Conference and 4-H Volunteer Conference

The Annual Ohio 4-H Teen Conference,



"Accept the Challenge" will be held Saturday, March 12, 2011 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.

The deadline for registration is February 11th, and the information is available at OSU Extension Hancock, or on our website. 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.

The 2011 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference and Bob Evans Farms Recognition Luncheon will take place at the Columbus Convention Center on the same date. 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 registration found on our web site and in our office. Return it to the Extension office with a \$10.00 fee by February 11, 2011. It would be great to have over 20 participants from this county.

Adults that are willing to provide transportation for teens should notify Susan by February 11th. Additional questions may be answered by calling the Extension office at 419-422-3851.

## Be Healthy Now

The Be Healthy Now program is being offered once again. Our kick-off for 2011 is January 15 at the Findlay Village Mall. Youth events will take place again this year on the Final Friday of January, February and March at the YMCA. All children, 5th-8th grades are invited to attend on the final Friday of January, February, and March, as we participate in fun fitness activities from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.

## And My Hands to Larger Service...

All clubs should be planning service projects. As the year gets started, we will offer suggestions. Two community service projects that the county has been a part of are the Collection for the Handicapped Society and the Spring Clean Up.

Supplies will be available at the 4-H Office. We've participated in these projects for many years, and continue to benefit our local community. We are the only group to collect donations for the Handicapped Society. Many ramps for the handicapped have been built using money raised in this project. Information regarding the Spring Clean Up will come from Courtney Comstock, and is a great opportunity to educate members about litter and recycling. Both activities count toward honor individual awards and banner clubs.

As members graduate from the 4-H program, they share many stories about getting started in volunteer work through those first experiences of picking up trash and collecting for the handicapped. Feel free to plan additional projects as a club.

## 4-H Benefit

The Hancock County 4-H Benefit Dinner and Auction will be held on April 2, 2011 at the Light House in Findlay. Dinner is being catered by Greenbriar Catering. All clubs are asked to donate a theme basket for the auction. Additional items and 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 11th.

All proceeds are used to grow the Hancock Co. 4-H Endowment and local 4-H 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.

## Projects

### County Fair Steer Info

All independent and finished dairy beef steers as well as born & raised in Hancock County steers were to be in the member's possession by January 1, 2011. 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 tagged at the fairgrounds on January 4th. No additional registration is required.

### Dairy Beef Feeders

Dairy Feeder registration will be completed on the enrollment form again this year. No other registration is required by 4-H members. FFA members may register through their FFA instructor.

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.

### 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 31 and May 20 are the dates that have been confirmed. The May program will be held at Central Church of Christ, and the March location is TBA. 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 1/1/2011 and will be in effect for the remainder of their 4-H career. 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 6, 6:30-8:30. The test takes about 30 minutes to complete. You may come and leave anytime during the posted times. Call Susan with additional questions.

## 2011 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.

You will notice many changes in project books. If enrolling in those projects this year, a new book must be purchased. All four beef projects will be included in one book this year. For example.. If taking beef feeder and dairy beef feeder, only one book will be required.

### New:

- 365.08 Discovering Genetics
- 365.10 Local Foods
- 365.18 Ways of Knowing Water
- 365.19 The World of Work Is Calling...Are You Ready?
- 463 Sports Nutrition 2: Get Set
- 477 Party Planner: A 4-H Guide to Quantity Cooking
- 499 You Can Quilt!
- 509 Robotics 1:NeXT Technology
- 555 ATV (For Individual Project)

### Revised:

- 117 Beef -replaces all four beef project books
- 189 Dressage
- 220 Pocket Pets -replaces Small Animal project
- 358 The Truth about Tobacco -replaces Tobacco & You
- 409 Sew Fun -replaces Ready, Let's Sew
- 413 Sundresses and Jumpers -replaces Joyful Jumper
- 418 Loungewear -replaces Lounging Apparel
- 430 Shopping Savvy -replaces It's Time for Clothing 1-3
- 472 Grill Master -replaces Outdoor Chef
- 504 Electric Radio-Controlled Vehicles  
-replaces Radio Controlled Vehicles
- 517 Bicycling for Fun -replaces Bicycle Adventures I
- 518 Wheels in Motion -replaces Bicycle Adventures II
- 542 Warm It Up -replaces earlier edition
- 543 Tune It Up -replaces earlier edition
- 753 Pistol -replaces earlier edition

### Discontinued Projects:

- 365.06 Quiltmaking (see new "You Can Quilt" project 499)
- 519 Bicycle Adventures, Level 3
- 674 Indoor Gardening

### Name Change

- 502 Science Fun with Flight

**All new and revised projects will require a new book to be purchased unless otherwise indicated.**

## Crop Projects

If interested in enrolling in crop projects this year, please enroll through a self-determined project. This project is no longer available through the state, but we find it a valuable learning experience for those living on a farm. It will be judged through a home visit similar to past years.



## Shooting Sports

All 4-H members who 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)	Living History (756)

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Meeting dates for specific projects will be discussed at that meeting, and are listed on the 4-H Calendar (in the back of the Family Handbook).

## Ag Credit Sponsors Money Projects

Once again Ag Credit A.C.A. is sponsoring all of our 4-H money projects. We will have a workshop scheduled in June, and special incentives presented during the Celebration of 4-H in October. These are excellent projects to prepare young people for the future.

## Discontinued Project Books

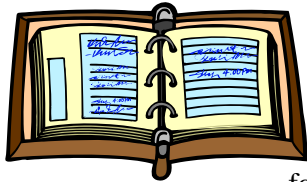
We have discontinued project books available at our office. These books may be used by teachers, advisors, or members that want to have some fun. These are a great resource for home school groups. Take a look at what's available when in the office!

## 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, 2011. If a member is leasing a horse, the lease agreement must also be on file at the Extension office by June 1, 2011. 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 Extension office or through the club advisor.

## 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 participate at the Ohio 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, and members will be able to schedule appointments on our web site beginning in May. Completion of your 4-H project and attendance at Quality Assurance is required to show your project at the Hancock County Fair. The interview will complete your project. For answers to your questions, please contact Susan at 419-422-3851.

## Jr. Fair News

### 2011 Jr. Fair Theme

Jr. Fair theme for 2011 "City Lights, Country Nights" has been selected by the Jr. Fair Board members. Congratulations to those who have been selected to serve on the new board. New members include: Lauren Burner, Kody Frysinger, Marie Keefe, Mikael Keiffer, Andrew McDaniel, Ali Mowrey, Edy Mowrey, Miranda Palmer, Marisa Rose, Ashley Russell, Hannah Saltzman, Caitlin Streacker, Mara Wallace, Brent Warren, Katy Weidman, and Chase Wilson.

## Jr. Fair Royalty

A committee met with Nicole to create standardized royalty applications. These will be used for livestock royalty as well as Jr. Fair royalty. [Watch the web site as applications are posted.](#) The "Beef Royalty Application" is available & due February 5.

## Awards & Recognition

### Special 4-H Awards

Congratulations to all recipients of 4-H awards in 2010. The 2010 Outstanding 4-Her Awards were presented to Alexis Moser and Susan Rader. Alexis is the daughter of Bart and Joy Moser. She is a senior at Cory Rawson High School and has been active on the State 4-H Fashion Board, Jr. Leadership Club, and Jr. Fairboard. She was also a delegate to Buckeye Leadership Workshop.

Susan Rader is a freshman at Bowling Green State University and the daughter of Brian and Barb Rader of McComb. She has served as a Camp Counselor, and has been a delegate to Citizenship Washington Focus, State 4-H Leadership Camp, and National 4-H Congress. She is a member of Jr. Leadership Club and Hancock Co. Jr. Fairboard.

The Danforth "I Dare You" awards were presented to Mikayla Brown and Chase Wilson. Mikayla is a junior at Findlay H.S. and the daughter of Garth and Carmen Brown. She has served as Camp Counselor, member of Jr. Leadership Club, Jr. Fairboard, State 4-H Ambassador, State Teen Council and has been a delegate to Citizenship Washington Focus, State 4-H Leadership Camp, and National 4-H Congress.

Chase Wilson is a junior at Bluffton High School and the son of Kent and Colleen Wilson. He serves as Camp Counselor & has been a delegate to Citizenship Washington Focus. He is active in Jr. Leadership Club and Hancock Co. Jr. Fairboard.

### Friend of Extension Award

#### Congratulations to Carmen Brown!

Carmen was recently recognized during Ohio State University Extension Annual Conference with the "Friend of Extension" Award. The award was presented by Keith Smith, Associate Vice President and Director of Extension in Ohio during an awards luncheon. Carmen is an advisor for Prospectors 4-H Club, has served on 4-H Advisory Council, Hancock County Extension Advisory Committee and has worked with many committees in the Hancock County 4-H program.

## 2011 4-H Advisory Council

Congratulations to newly elected 4-H Advisory Council members! Junior Leadership Representative is Austin Dukes, other representatives are as follows:

School	Adult	Teen
Arcadia	Al Price	Jenny Burkmier
Arlington	Barb Williams	Kaity Weidman
Cory Rawson	Colleen Wilson	Aubry vonStein
Findlay	Melissa Crowe	Caitlin Streaker
Liberty Benton	Jill Heidlebaugh	Olivia Crawford
McComb	Brian Rader	Katie Rader
Riverdale	Andrea Kuenzli	Cassie Staley
Van Buren	Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowrey	Ali Mowrey

## 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 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on November 17, 2010. Outstanding Service to 4-H was presented to Amy Schroeder and Robert Drake. The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Diane Harmon.

Bob Drake is a trustee for Mt. Blanchard Gun Club & a volunteer with the Hancock County Shooting Sports program. We recognize him for his dedication and commitment to cultivating the interest that young people have in the shooting sports program.

Amy Schroeder is an Advisor with Northwest Stars 4-H Club. She has provided leadership to the sheep project area, assisting with livestock interviews, skill-a-thons and quality assurance programs. She serves on the 4-H Advisory Council, and volunteers whenever needed.

Diane Harmon provides leadership to the horse project area. She is an Advisor for Horsemasters 4-H Club and puts together the Freestyle program each year at the fair. She provides leadership for 4-H horse fun shows, clinics and 4-H Horse 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:

### 30 years

Carol Boyles	Sherry Brooks
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### 25 years

Dave Siferd
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### 20 years

Stephanie Beach	Russell Boyles	April Holland	Linda Kloepfer
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Vicki Lynch	Linda Smith	Anne Sweigart	
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### 15 years

Kathy Biery	Joetta Carles	Mary Nan Daugherty	Dale Huston
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Peggy Huston	Vicki Lininger	Kay Livingston	Heather Welty
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### 10 years

Martha Boyd	Amber Butler	Misty Dimick
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Jill Heidlebaugh	Danielle Ireland	Nila Rehus
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### 5 years

Toni Altvater	Amanda Brooks	Neil Brown	Katheryn Collert
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Carie Gilliland	Mike James	Anna Johnson	Richard Johnson Jr.,
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Deborah Oman	Ashley Shulaw		
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