Dear 4-H Family,
The summer is upon us and it is already a busy one. The Extension Office is looking forward to working with all of our 4-H families this year.

Please read through this newsletter carefully. Reminders, updates, and award winners will be posted to the website ‘hancock.osu.edu’, and Hancock County 4-H Facebook page over the summer. Be sure to visit both places often.

Looking forward to another great summer with Hancock County 4-H.

Yours in 4-H,

Cassie Turner
Extension Educator – 4-H Youth Development

Looking for information? Resources for You:
- hancock.osu.edu - Check our website for current opportunities, updates, and much more.
- Ohio4h.org – Ohio 4-H opportunities & info
- Hancock County 4-H on Facebook, Like Us!

Introductions . . .

2015 Summer 4-H Assistants
We are very pleased to introduce two new faces to the office for the summer.

Ashley Lewis
Ashley Lewis is a graduate of Findlay High School and is currently a marketing major and international business minor at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is very involved at school with an on campus magazine, sorority and the Women in Business club. She enjoys traveling and working with kids. She is excited to be involved with the 4-H program this summer.

Britta Fenstermaker
Britta Fenstermaker joins us as an intern for 4-H and Hancock County Farm Bureau. She has been an active 4-H member in McComb and Hancock County. Britta is currently attending The Ohio State University at the ATI Wooster Campus.

This summer she will be developing and working with STEM, & agriculture learning kits. Clubs will be able to check out the different kits this fall and next year. She will also be assisting at different 4-H activities through the fair.
**Calendar Update:**

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**September**

1. Livestock arrival & weigh-in at Hancock Co. Fair
2-7. Hancock County Fair
7. Labor Day – Office Closed
7. Fair booth teardown, 6-8 p.m. in Youth Building
8. Fair booth teardown, 1-6 p.m. in Youth Building
9. Horse Council, 7 p.m. at Ag Service Center
11-12. State 4-H Horse Trail Ride
15. Applications due for Individual Honor Awards, Project Awards, Secretary, Treasurer, & Banner Club Awards
16. Jr Leadership Meeting, 7 p.m.
16 & 17. Awards Selection Committee Mtgs., 6 p.m.
22. 4-H Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
23. Real Money Real World at Findlay High School
26. State 4-H Horse Groom & Clean
29. Interviews for Outstanding 4-Her, 4-8 p.m.
30 &. Interviews for Jr Fair Bd., 4-8 p.m. at Oct. 1. fairgrounds

**October**

1. Cloverbud Meeting, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
1. Sr Goat Council, 7 p.m.
2-4. Shooting Sports Adult Leadership Workshop at Canter’s Cave
10. 4-H 5K, 10 a.m. at fairgrounds; Jr Fair Benefit Barn Dance, 5 p.m. at fairgrounds
12. Columbus Day – Office Closed for Staff Retreat
13. Celebration of 4-H, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church
14. Horse Council, 7 p.m.
21. Jr Leadership Meeting, 7 p.m.

**What’s Been Happening?**

**2015 4-H Enrollment**

Thank you to all the members and 4-H advisors who work to get records in on time etc. We greatly appreciate everyone’s cooperation as we worked through new training requirements for advisors.

We would like to welcome our two new 4-H clubs: The 4-H Science Explorers, and the Good Ride 4-H Club. That brings our total to 41 clubs, 823 members, and 148 volunteers.

Hancock County 4-H Newsletter – Summer 2015
2015 State Achievement Recognition
Hancock County had four teens who were recognized at the 2015 State 4-H Achievement Banquet. Annie Mowrey is the Ohio Health & Safety winner, and J.J. Mowrey is the Ohio winner for Personal Development. Michaela Breece and Aubrey Brown were awarded Ohio Township Association Local Governments Awards.

Congratulations 2015 High School Graduates!
Danielle Badertscher  Hailey Ginnever  Erin Neall
Hailey Birchfield  Molly Glick  Emily Powell
Michaela Breece  Bryce Hartman  Hayden Roth
Aubrey Brown  Kenzi Hiatt  Austin Schaller
Mariah Burkholder  Megan Horton  Emily Stahl
Andrew Burkmier  Kyle Inbody  Chelsea Stillberger
Alexis Butterworth  Nathan Knicley  Dylan Waaland
Kody Calkins  Rachel Liebrecht  Rebekah White
Hailee Cullen  Brooke Love  Emma Willeke
Brooke Daugherty  Sierra Lowden  Clayton Wilson
Kayla DeMuth  Shelby McKamey  Kaye Lynn Wise
Melissa Finsel  Ian Moser

We’re going to miss this group of 2015 graduates but certainly wish them future success! Our Summer Assistant, Ashley will be contacting them soon for a couple of photos and some information for the “Graduating Seniors” display at the fair. Please get these items to us by Wednesday, Aug. 19 (drop them by the office or bring to judging).

4-H Benefit Report
Thank you to everyone who donated, worked, or attended the 2015 4-H Benefit. Over $19,000 was raised in support of the Hancock County 4-H Program. Special thanks to all of the committee members who make this very special program come to fruition. This includes: Bev Welty, April Holland, Brad Beach, Russell Boyles, Dale Huston, Kathy McGrain, Kim Welch, Toni Altvater, Annie Mowrey, Barb Stamper, Caitlin Streacker, Becky Warren, & Jill Woodward.

Camp Summary
The 2015 Hancock 4-H Jr Camp has come to a close. 236 campers, counselors, and adult staff celebrated ‘A Holiday a Day the 4-H Way!’ The campers celebrated with an Easter Egg Hunt, Trick or Treating, Thanksgiving and more. We want to thank 4-H Camp Ohio Staff for taking such good care of us and providing an awesome experience for our youth! Friendly reminder – there are still quite a few camp lost and found items here at the office. They will be available until July 20th – and then donated. Please come take a look for any missing items.

Pizza Sales Summary
With Wilson Frozen Food Company closing its doors, the Little Caesar Pizza Sale program expanded this year to 21 clubs participating. A little over $18,000 was sold in pizza, candles, & dessert products. This raised over $5,000 for the clubs which they use to support club efforts & assist youth in going to camp!

2015 Hancock County Scholarship Winners
We are excited to announce four scholarships being awarded this year and plan to recognize all applicants just prior to our Cloverbud Graduation at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 6 in the Mini Park at the fair.

Congratulations to our 2015 Scholarship winners!

The Denise Tebbe Memorial Scholarship goes to Danielle Badertscher of the Gentle Giants 4-H Club. She will be attending Heidelberg University this fall.
The 4-H Council Scholarship for a graduating senior was awarded to Aubrey Brown of the Prospectors 4-H Club. She will be attending Hillsdale College this fall.
The 4-H Council Scholarship for a current college student was awarded to Mikayla Brown, formerly of the Prospectors 4-H Club. She is majoring in History at Hillsdale College.
The new ‘Welcome to the Real World’ Scholarship was awarded to Michaela Breece of His Kids 4-H Club. She will be attending the University of Findlay this fall. This new scholarship was started with the generous support of the 2014 4-H Benefit patrons. This scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years.
Judging & Contest Results

2015 Livestock Judging Contest Results

Junior Individuals
1. Olivia Bacon, Country Critters
2. Makayla Oman, Gold Star
3. Parker Downing, Northwest Stars
4. Madison Newcomer, SoHanCo Livestockers
5. William Johnson, SoHanCo Livestockers
6. Riley Lauder, SoHanCo Livestockers

Intermediate Individuals
1. Samantha Roth, Gold Star
2. Amanda Green, Gold Star
3. Mazine Parkins, Gold Star
4. Justice West, Gold Star
5. Arrissa Swails, SoHanCo Livestockers
6. Anthony Kizer, Gold Star

Senior Individuals
1. Eric Ritter, Buttons & Bows
2. Austin Schaller, Country Critters
3. Caleb Breece, His Kids
4. Brent Warren, Blue Ribbon Stock
5. Kacey Durlat, Hancock Hareraisers
6. Schenja Johnson, SoHanCo Livestockers

Out of County Individuals
1. Tristan Stoll, Wayne County
2. Kaci Way, Wayne County
3. Taylor Hannah, Wood County
4. Kendra Hagg, Wood County
5. Kendra Marty, Wayne County
6. Kyle Hutchison, Wayne County

Junior Teams
1. Olivia Bacon, Keegan Puthoff, Lanie Kempf, & Makayla Oman
2. Madison Newcomer, Riley Lauder, Caylin Alexander, Arrissa Swails
3. Carter Conley, Parker & Brooklyn Downing

Senior Teams
1. Amanda Green, Mazine Parkins, Matt & Samantha Roth
2. Caleb & Zachary Breece, Andrew Ross, Eric Ritter
3. Jonathan Hoorman, Nathan Zuercher, Blake Wilson, & Austin Schaller

Reporting of Judging & Contest Results . . . .

Just a reminder that we strive to maintain a listing of all county project & contest winners on our website hancock.osu.edu (State Fair winners will be posted also as available.)

Results are also generally displayed at the fair, so if you notice an error in spelling or placing, please let us know. 4-H members work hard & we want for their recognition to be accurate!

Clinics and Workshops

Several different project clinics and workshops have been held over the past months. A special thanks to all our workshop leaders. Clothing project series: Joyce Schroeder; Cake Decorating: Chris Allen; Food & Nutrition: Shawn Ochs; Photography: Sarah Moyer; and Public Speaking: Brooke & Jill Woodward. The 4-H Council is committed to continue providing a variety of clinics each year to assist members with project work. If you have a request for 2016 please let Cassie know.

Quality Assurance

Thanks to everyone who assisted with QA training this year. We will be contacting individuals whose QA status is questionable. All livestock exhibitors must attend QA before Jr Fair entry deadline of July 31.

News & Upcoming Events

STEM Club update

The next meeting of the Science Explorer’s 4-H Club will be Tues., August 11 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. The group will be experimenting with “Alternative Energy”. Contact Cassie Turner for more information.

Ohio 4-H Teen Advisory Council Applications due August 14

Applications are now available for the Ohio Teen Advisory Council at www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/teen-advisory-council.

This is a great opportunity for youth to make their voices heard at the state level.

Cloverbud News

Cloverbuds can shine at the Hancock County Fair! All Cloverbuds can participate in a “Show and Tell” program at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sep. 6 in the Youth Building. They can “Show & Tell” something they did this 4-H year.

Cloverbuds who will be entering the 3rd grade this fall are invited to participate in Cloverbud Graduation on Sunday, September 6, 2 p.m. at the Mini Park Stage. Each participating Cloverbud will receive a certificate and a t-shirt. Everyone is invited to watch our youngest members make the transition to project 4-H. We will also recognize 2015 4-H Scholarship recipients at this time.
Award Deadlines!

- **Community Service Award Applications**
  Deadline for these applications is Monday, August 10. The form can be found online.

- **Danforth, Outstanding 4-Her Nominations**
  Advisors please note the nomination deadline of Monday, August 17.

- **Jason Hiser Award**
  This award is in memory of Jason Hiser who was an 8-year member of the Rocky Ford Guys & Gals 4-H club and loved the fair and dairy feeders in particular. Guidelines & application form can be found online (hancock.osu.edu). Entries are due August 21. The award will be presented prior to showman of showmen on Sunday, September 6.

This award is for youth who have taken a dairy feeder project 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 (any length) about why this award would be special to them, and explain what they have learned through the years by taking the dairy feeder project.

- **Project Awards, Individual Honor Awards, Secretary, Treasurer, & Banner Club Awards**
  These applications are due to the 4-H office by 4:30 p.m. on September 15. Forms are included in the 4-H Family Handbook and are also available online.

**Jr Leadership Food Drive**
The Hancock Co. 4-H Jr Leaders are coordinating a food drive for City Mission to be held at every 4-H project judging event in 2015. Non-perishable food items will be collected, with donations being recorded by 4-H club. Clubs will receive recognition based upon the number of items donated in proportion to the number of members in the club. Look for these awards in fair booth displays!

**Jr Fair Items**

**Dairy Feeders Tag - Vaccinate - Weigh in**
4-H and FFA members with dairy beef feeders should all have received a letter regarding mandatory tagging, vaccination, & weigh in to be held Saturday, July 18 from 8-11 a.m. in the Buckeye Building at the fairgrounds. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to get calves to this event, and once calves are weighed in, they may not be switched between exhibitors.

The rate of gain contest is new this year, and all dairy feeders are required to participate. When calves are weighed at the fair, they must fall within the weight range of 350-699 lbs. to be eligible for award. Contact Lynae Stacy (419-722-6096) if you have any questions.

**Jr Fair Entries**
An online entry system is used for livestock entries. Organizational advisors received an email explaining that process. Entries must be made by July 31! Call the Jr Fair office at 419-423-1373 if you have any questions.

No entry is required for 4-H display exhibits. Advisors must verify their club’s exhibit listing during booth set up time. Only 4-H projects that are exhibited at the fair are eligible to receive premium money. If a club has no booth, projects may be exhibited in the countywide booth. If a member completed their livestock project interview but is unable to bring their animal to the fair, they may create an educational display for fair exhibit.

**Rabbit Tattooing**
ALL market rabbits must be brought for tattooing on Monday, August 10 from 6-8 p.m. at the fairgrounds. All rabbits brought to the fair are to be tattooed, so if you have any other "not previously tattooed" rabbits – this is an opportunity to get them tattooed.

**4-H 5K & Barn Dance to be held October 10**
Get your running shoes on and START TRAINING! The 4-H 5K will be October 10 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration will begin in August. Race begins at 10 a.m.

Prizes are awarded to the top finishers.

Tickets will be available in August for the Barn Dance which is held annually at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

Bring your family and come join the fun! Food, games, dancing and friendship will start at 5 p.m.

A ticket package will be available for both the 5K and barn dance. Proceeds go toward the future Jr Fair Pavilion.
**Poultry Update**

The Poultry Clinic originally scheduled for July 27 has been cancelled due to recent action by the Ohio Department of Agriculture regarding Highly Pathogenic Asian-Origin Avian Influenza (HPAI). All members with poultry projects should have received a letter from our office explaining options for project completion.

Jr Fair entries will be made like usual online (as if you had your birds). For EACH CLASS you enter, you must complete a poster. Instead of showing your birds, you will be showing poster(s). Please see the Jr Fair Premium book for a list of all the classes. Jr Fair entries are due July 31.

**Premium requirements for poultry exhibitors:**

1. A poster for every class you have entered, exhibitor must stand by poster for judging.
2. Participate in showmanship/skillathon event

**Tuesday 6-8 p.m. (traditional weigh in time):** Posters must be checked in at the poultry barn

**Wednesday 9 a.m.:** Members will stand by their posters and be judged by a certified Poultry judge. After the poster judging, the members will move on to the showmanship/skillathon portion of the show. Members must complete both sections to receive their premium money.

**Poster requirements:**

- Poster size is 14 inches high by 22 inches wide. (half of a regular posterboard)
- Include your class name (ex: Market Chickens, Market Turkey, Hen Standard etc.)
- Include your name and club
- Must have at least 5 different informational facts on your project - Housing, feed, diseases, breed facts, market facts, etc.
- At least 1 picture representing your bird (or a picture of your actual bird if you have them)
- Keep it simple
- Lettering large enough to read from a distance of 4 - 8 feet.
- Make it as colorful and attractive as possible, so that fair visitors will stop and look at it.
- Keep it neat, but do your own work

All of the above must be completed for member to be considered for any extra compensation.

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**Help Needed at the Hancock County Fair**

4-H Advisors or other adults from each club are needed to supervise the Youth Building during the Hancock County Fair. Club hosts will man the front desk of the building, answer questions, and patrol the building during their shift. Working in the Youth Building can be a relaxing time at the fair, as well as a way to share the 4-H story with the community. If a club would like to conduct a 4-H activity at any time during the fair please contact Cassie so it can be scheduled. Call the office 419-423-3851, to schedule your club’s time.

Betsey Rossman needs adult volunteers for the Jr Fair office to distribute livestock premium monies from 1-4 p.m. Thursday-Monday. If you are available and interested in helping on one of these days, please contact Betsey at 419-423-1373.

**Jr Fair & Departmental Royalty Applications**

August 3 is the deadline to submit applications for 2015 Hancock County Jr Fair Royalty. It is also the deadline for the following departments: Canine, Dairy Beef Feeder, Goat, Pork, Poultry, and Rabbit. Forms are available at the 4-H office and online. Duke & Duchess information will be available later in July from the Jr Fair Board.

**Jr Fair Passes & Tickets**

Advisors can pick up passes for 4-H club members on Wednesday, August 19 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Passes will also be available during Jr Fair office hours and during booth set up. In addition to fair entry, Jr exhibitors can purchase a 4-H Wristband ($15) from Burton Bros. Amusements any day wristbands are offered. Adults can purchase membership tickets now thru August 21, & season tickets through Sep. 2 at the Sr Fair Office.

**Premiums for Jr Fair Exhibits**

Jr Fair livestock exhibitors can pick up their premium money at the Jr Fair office from 1-4 p.m. the day following their show AND the completion of their entire species. EX. Goat premiums are available beginning on Saturday (show Thu.-Fri.).

Advisors may pick up premium money for members that are not able to pick them up themselves.

Any Jr Fair livestock premiums not picked up by 4 p.m. on Monday, September 7 will be forfeited.
Livestock: Entrance, Weigh-in, Posters
All livestock shall enter through the McCleary Gate on Tuesday prior to the fair. Please show the completed Drug Use Notification Forms as you enter. All animals must be checked by a Hancock Fair representative before being unloaded and stalled.

Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNFs), will be collected at weigh-in. This form must be completed for lactating dairy cattle, market beef & dairy steers, beef & dairy beef feeders, market swine, market lambs, market rabbits, market and lactating goats. A DUNF must be completed for each animal, and it is important that the form be completed in its entirety. The county code for Hancock is ‘68’. All signatures are required – youth AND parent/guardian. For help in completing the forms, call Betsey Rossman at 419-423-1373 or Cassie Turner at 419-422-3851.

Weighing schedule for Tuesday, Sep. 1:
Swine 7-11 a.m.
Rabbits 6 p.m.
Dairy Beef Feeders 6:30 p.m.
Beef Feeders Following Dairy feeders
Finished Dairy Steers Following Beef feeders
Market Beef Steers Following Dairy Steers
Goats 6:30 p.m.
Lambs Following Goats

There will be NO re-weighing of ANY animals

Specie specific weight rules:
Swine – less than 200# or greater than 265# may show but must be sold via market bid.
Rabbits – consist of 3 animals per pen. Any pen of 3 with a single animal less than 3# or greater than 5# or younger than 8-weeks or older than 10-weeks in age may show but must be sold via market bid.
Dairy Feeders – less than 350# or greater than 699# may show but must be sold via market bid.
Goats – less than 43# may show but must be sold via market bid.
Lambs – less than 90# may show but must be sold via market bid.

Animals not in the ‘correct’ weight range are not eligible for trophies, championships, ribbons, etc.

Exhibitors of Dairy Feeders should note some 2015 changes – No fans permitted due to liability, additional building fans have been installed to enhance air flow; show at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 3; base bid auction at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 5.

All Jr Fair livestock exhibitors are encouraged to create a “Thank You” poster to their previous year’s buyer. Posters are to be 14” x 22” in size and the top 3 in each department are selected for display on sale day. They also receive ribbons and monetary rewards. Thanking our buyers is a key part of keeping the Jr Fair livestock show successful. Remember to invite your buyers and bidders to the 2015 Hancock Co. Jr Fair Livestock Sale on September 7 starting at 9 a.m.

Junior Fair Questions?
Contact Betsey Rossman - Jr Fair Coordinator at 419-423-1373 and leave a message. Office hours for the summer are: Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Jr Fair Booths - set up/ release
“Hancock County Dares You to Fair” is the 2015 Jr Fair theme. We have been told that this is a general theme and therefore clubs may replace the word “Fair” if they choose. For example, Junior Leaders might dare you to “Lead”. Please use this theme as you plan your booth. The building layout is enclosed. Booths will be judged Wednesday morning in the following categories: Best Use of Theme; Most Creative; Best Display of Projects, Organization & Planning; Best Explanation of Club Work; Best Use of Motion. Let’s see who gets bragging rights for this year!

Set up prior to fair:
Saturday, August 29 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, August 30 from 1-5 p.m.
Monday, August 31 from 4-6 p.m.

Club members are to be active in booth construction. If used, extension cords must be heavy-duty, and lights are to be LED. Exhibits must be in place by 6 p.m. on August 31. Exhibits must remain in place throughout the fair (If removal is necessary, no premium will be received).

Exhibits released:
Monday, September 7 6-8 p.m.
Tuesday, September 8 1-6 p.m.

No exhibit shall be removed from the fair until 6 p.m. Monday. Any violation of this rule will mean forfeit of premium. Premium checks will not be distributed to the clubs until the booth is completely cleaned out of all exhibits, decorations, staples, etc.
4-H Still Project Premium List
Advisors please 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. If a member has a livestock project that cannot be exhibited at the fair, and completed livestock interview, they may put an educational display in the club’s booth. All projects must be in place by 6 p.m. Monday prior to the fair. Premium checks for club booths will be available during the tear down on Monday night and Tuesday afternoon.

Showing Thanks to the Great Support of Hancock County Junior Fair
Remember to invite your buyers and bidders to the 2015 Hancock County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale on September 7th starting at 9 a.m. This is a great opportunity to thank a buyer or bidder for their past support, or to introduce a new person to the great things Jr Fair does. A letter from the club or individual is great. Another great tip is to go (in person) to say thanks & that you hope to see them at this year’s fair.

Our community does a great job supporting the 4-H and Jr. Fair program. Please take a moment and help thank these supporters.

There are lots of ways clubs and youth can say thanks to your livestock buyers. For example: at the fair, watch where your buyer is sitting and take him or her a bottle of water when you are done selling. Introduce yourself, and say thank you. After the fair, a personal thank you note is the MINIMUM of what you should do. Be creative! Your club might take lunch to the business, put an ad in the newspaper, or take them some desserts. The more unique you are, the more memorable you will be to buyers the following year. Make sure to that youth are actively involved in all thank you efforts!

Quality, not quantity, is what matters. If a child receives multiple awards from the same sponsor, one note can be sent that references all of the awards.

Writing thank you notes is one of the easiest ways we can maintain a great relationship with all of our great community supporters. It is important that we all do our part as Jr Fair exhibitors & 4-Hers.

Jr Fair Board 2016 Membership
Interested in being a Jr Fair Board Member? Be sure to pick up a form from the Jr Fair office some time during the fair, and read Article III of their Constitution and By-laws (page 67 of the 2015 Hancock Fair Book).

Opportunities

Sheep Department BBQ & New Scholarship
Jr Fair Sheep exhibitors and adults involved with the Sheep Department at the Hancock County Fair are currently selling tickets for a drive-thru chicken BBQ to be held on Thursday, July 23. Meals (half chicken, two sides, roll, drink & cookies) will be available from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. For tickets, call Mary Wilson 419-348-9877.

The proceeds from the BBQ fundraiser will be used to establish a new $500 college scholarship for youth who have participated for a minimum of three years in a sheep project. Application forms for the new Hancock County Sheep Scholarship are due Friday, August 14. Information can be picked up at the 4-H office or via the website. 4-H and FFA youth are encouraged to apply. The scholarship winner will be announced at the Guys and Gals Lead (Sunday, September 6, 3:30 p.m. in the South Show Arena) during the Hancock County Fair.
Youth Activities During the Fair

Youth Building Activities . . .

Tuesday, September 1  3:30 – 7 p.m.
• Jr Fair Sunflower & Pumpkin Display – youth ages 8 and under are eligible, limit of one entry per exhibitor
• Jr Fair Flower Display, Decorated Vegetable/Fruit Contest, and Jr Fair Vegetable Display are also this day & time. These contests are open to youth 18 years & younger

Wednesday, September 2
• Booth Judging at 9 a.m.
• 4-H in Action at 2 p.m.; We need 4-H members who are willing to give a demonstration or provide an active presentation of their project work.
• 4-H Photo Contest entries due by 4 p.m.; Open to all 4-H members, maximum of 2 entries per class, 5 classes: Projects, Club Meetings or Activities, Camp, County Events, or 4-H Selfie (Clover or 4-H Logo in picture).  

Thursday, September 3
• Cloverbud Fun at 1 p.m.; Crafts and activities will be hosted for our youngest members.

Friday, September 4
• Camp Reunion, 6 p.m.; current 4-H members, Alumni, & friends are invited to share memories, make a camp craft, and enjoy line dancing led by Justin Bower (one of our 2015 Camp Junior Deans).

Saturday, September 5
• Safe Kids Day, 10 a.m. – 12 noon; different topics on bike safety, car seat 101 & much more will be on display. Great for kids & parents.
• Coloring Contest, registration at 11 a.m., judging at noon. Open to youth 4-8 years of age. Coloring page is available at the Jr Fair office from 10 a.m. Saturday, August 29 – 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sep. 5. Limit 1 entry per exhibitor.
• Little Dresses for Haiti Service Project, 1 p.m. Join Master Clothing Educator Joyce Schroeder in this new fair activity. 4-H members and friends are invited to help us reach a goal of making 25 dresses for donation. All sorts of skill sets are needed. You do not have to be a sewer. If you have an extra machine, that would be great. There will also be ‘make & take’ projects for kids to do after we finish the service project.

Sunday, September 6
• Cloverbud Show and Tell, 1 p.m. All cloverbuds are invited to show & tell something they did this year.

Monday, September 7
• Duct Tape – Upcycle Challenge, for youth under 18 years, registration begins at 2:30 p.m. (limit of 25 participants per category), contest begins at 3 p.m.

Beyond the Youth Building . . . .

Wednesday, September 2
• Duke & Duchess Contest at 1 p.m.; Coronation. 2 p.m. in the Mini Park.
• Jr Fair Opening Ceremonies, 7:30 p.m. followed by Royalty Coronation; at South Grandstand

Thursday, September 3
• Cookie Eating Contest (ages 3-8) will be held in the Mini Park at 4 p.m. with a Pie Eating Contest (ages 9-adult & couples) to follow. See rules on page 117 of the 2015 Hancock Fair Book. Must register (beginning of fair) at the Jr Fair Office; There are age and class size limitations.
• Calf Scramble, 7:30 p.m. North Grandstand; $10 entry fee, helmets recommended, liability waiver & minor release agreement as required by age.

Friday, September 4
• Barrel Battle, 7:30 p.m. (following Freestyle Riding) at North Grandstand; $10 entry fee

Saturday, September 5
• Flower Arranging Activity for ages 8 and under at 2 p.m. in Tent south of Education Building
• Flower Arranging Contest, Ages 9-13 at 2 p.m.; and ages 14-18 at 3 p.m. in Tent south of Education Building

Sunday, September 6
• Livestock Judging Contest, for Jr Fair youth through adult, starts at 12 noon in South Show Arena. Bring a pencil & clipboard.
• Cloverbud Graduation & Recognition of 4-H Scholarship recipients, 2 p.m. in Mini Park

Monday, September 7
• Pedal Pull, for ages 10 and younger (weighing 24-100 lbs.) Parent/guardian must accompany child to register at 10 a.m. in Tent south of Education Building.

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Hancock County Junior Fair – Youth Building Booth Assignments

2015 Theme = “Hancock County Dares You to Fair”

Booth Set Up Schedule:
- Saturday, August 29: 10 am – 5 pm
- Sunday, August 30: 1 – 5 pm
- Monday, August 31: 4 – 6 pm

Exhibits Released:
- Monday, September 7: 6 – 8 pm
- Tuesday, September 8: 1 – 6 pm

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- Small booths are approximately 6' wide x 8' high x 4' deep
- Large booths are approximately 12' wide x 8' high x 4' deep
- XLarge booths are approximately 18' wide x 8' high x 4' deep