

Clover Connection



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Dear 4-H Family,

Cloverbud Day Camp, Livestock Judging, 4-H Camp, Clinics, Project Judging and so much more made for a very fun and fast summer. Thank you to all of the members, families, and volunteers that were part of it. The fair is right around the corner followed by fall award celebrations, the 4-H 5K, and Junior Fair Barn Dance. Lots of great family fun still to come in 2017.

We want to thank program sponsors for this year: Bill and Nancy Recker, Legacy Farmers Co-op, Hancock County Farm Bureau, Ag Credit and the numerous individuals that supported our different fund raising events over the course of the year. We have a great program and your donations help us reach more kids with great opportunities.

We had an excellent July judging and over 150 members represented Hancock County at the Ohio State Fair with either a still or livestock project. Those who placed are listed on our website and will be displayed in the Youth Building.

When you visit the Youth Building at the Fair, be sure to check out all of the great club booth's and vote for the People Choice Award for best small and large booth. The People Choice balloting will be Wednesday and Thursday of the fair. The club members and advisors put a lot of time and effort into their club booths. Be sure to stop out to see how "From Sun up to Sun Down Junior Fair is Back in Town" is interrupted. Booths will be formally judged on Wednesday morning and results posted later in the day.

Please read through this newsletter carefully. Reminders and updates will be posted to <http://hancock.osu.edu> and the Hancock County 4-H Facebook page. Be sure to visit both places often. Our staff is also happy to help you.

Yours in 4-H,

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Looking for information? Resources for You:

- <http://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!
- **4-H Family Handbook (2018 will be distributed to advisors the end of January)**

Calendar Update:**August** - events at Hancock Ag Service Center unless noted

26	Youth Building Booth Set Up, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Hancock County Fairgrounds
27	Youth Building Booth Set Up, 1:00-5:00 pm, Hancock County Fairgrounds
28	Youth Building Booth Set Up, 4:00-6:00 pm, Hancock County Fairgrounds Jr. Fair Board, 6:30 pm and Sr. Fair Board, 7:30 pm, Hancock County Fairgrounds
30-31	Hancock County Fair

September – events at Hancock Ag Service Center unless noted

1-4	Hancock County Fair
1	Office Closed – You'll Find Us at the Fair!
4	Office Closed for Labor Day Youth Building Tear Down, 6:00-8:00 pm
5	Youth Building Tear Down, 1:00-5:00 pm
8-9	State 4-H Competitive Trail Ride
15	Community Service, Banner Club, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Award, Individual Honor Award, Outstanding 4-Her and Danforth Award Applications Due to the 4-H Office
19-21	Farm Science Review
20	Award Selection Committee, 6:00 pm Jr. Leadership Club, 7:00 pm
21	Outstanding 4-Her Interviews, 4:00-8:00 pm
23	State 4-H Horse Groom and Clean Contest
26	4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
29- Oct.1	Shooting Sports Adult Workshop, Canter's Cave 4-H Camp

October – events at Hancock Ag Service Center unless noted

1-7	National 4-H Week
1	Jr. Fair Board, 4:00 pm

3	Celebration of 4-H, 7:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church, South Main St.
5	County Cloverbuds, 6:15-7:15 pm, Mazza Museum, University of Findlay Sr. Goat Council, 7:00 pm
5-29	Quarter Horse Congress Ohio Expo Center Columbus, OH
11	Horse Council, 7:00 pm
14	4-H 5K, 10:00 am Hancock County Fairgrounds Barn Dance, 5:00 pm, Hancock County Fairgrounds
18	Jr. Leadership Club, 7:00 pm

November- events at Hancock Ag Service Center unless noted

2	Sr. Goat Council, 7:00 pm
5	Daylight Saving Time Ends Jr. Fair Board, 4:00 pm
6	Sr. Fair Board, 7:30 pm, Hancock County Fairgrounds
8	Horse Council, 7:00 pm
9	4-H Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 6:00 pm Riverbend Park, Brugeman Lodge
10	Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
13	Camp Counselor Applications Due
15	Jr. Leadership Club, 7:00 pm
22	Office closes at 3:00 pm
23-24	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
28	4-H Advisory Council, 7:00 pm

December- events at Hancock Ag Service Center unless noted

3	Jr. Fair Board, 4:00 pm
4	Sr. Fair Board, 7:30 pm, Hancock County Fairgrounds
7	County Cloverbuds, 6:15-7:15 pm
12-13	Camp Counselor Interviews, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
18	Achievement Record Workshop, 6:00 pm
20	Jr. Leadership, 7:00 pm
22	Office Closes at 3:00 pm
25-26	Office Closed in observance of Christmas
29	Office Closes at 3:00 p.m. Camp Counselor Meeting, 10:00 am– 2:00 pm

Celebrations

2017 Academic Scholarship Winners!

The 4-H Council is pleased to award \$3,250 in college scholarships to 4-H graduates and alumni this year.

“The Denise Tebbe Scholarship” goes to Taylor Roeder of Lucky Horseshoes. She will be attending University of Akron in the fall 2017.



The 4-H Council Scholarship for a Current College student was awarded to Sara Oler. She is currently attending University of Cincinnati studying accounting.

The Graduating Senior 4-H Council Scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth Stahl of Buttons and Bows 4-H Club. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University in the fall studying marine biology and photography.

Caleb Breece was also awarded the Graduating Senior 4-H Council Scholarship. He is a member of His Kids 4-H Club and will attend The Ohio State University ATI in the fall studying Sustainable Agriculture and Greenhouse Engineering Technology.

The Real World Renewable Scholarship was awarded to Annie Patterson of His Kids 4-H Club. She will be attending Eastern Michigan in the fall to study Political Science.

Previous Real World Scholarship Winners

- 2016: Jaret “JJ” Mowrey currently attends the University of Jamestown and majors in Business Marketing.
- 2015: Michaela Breece currently attends the University of Findlay with a Pre-Veterinary Track.

The 4-H Council looks forward to recognizing our scholarship winners during Cloverbud Graduation, September 3, 2:00 pm during the Hancock County Fair.

2018 Volunteer Award Nominations

Help us celebrate advisors and community members/organizations who go above and beyond to make Hancock County 4-H such a great program. Nominations for the 4-H Alumni, Outstanding Service, and 4-H Hall of Fame Awards will be accepted through October 13. Contact the office with your nomination.

News

CLOVERBUD NEWS

County Cloverbuds

The 2017/18 schedule has been set for County Cloverbud program. Please remember an adult partner must attend with a Cloverbud.



- October 5 at 6:15 pm we will visit the Mazza Museum for a tour of their children book illustrations and a craft. RSVP is required. The first 25 to sign up will have their \$3 fee covered by the Hancock County Endowment Fund.
- December 7 at 6:15 pm we will enjoy a Christmas Tree program with Al Price at the Extension Office.
- February 1 at 6:15 pm the Sheriff’s office K-9 unit will visit the Cloverbuds and give a demonstration at the Extension Office.
- April 5 at 6:15 pm Cloverbuds will go an adventure at the Discovery Center with Chris Allen of the Hancock Park District.

Cloverbud Graduation – September 3

Cloverbuds that just completed the second grade were invited to participate in Cloverbud Graduation at the Hancock County Fair on Sunday September 3 at 2:00 pm, in the Mini Park. Graduates will receive a reminder in the mail soon.

Cloverbud Celebration

Come One! Come All! to the 2017 Cloverbud Celebration! On September 3, 2017 after the Cloverbud Graduation, at approximately 2:30 pm, we will have a small cloverbud graduate celebration including games, snacks, face painting and prizes! Anyone is welcome to stop by to congratulate the graduates and play a few games! We encourage all Cloverbuds or kids around Cloverbud age to join in the fun. This will take place in the Tent next to the Education building from approximately 2:30 – 4:00 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Upcoming Events

Celebration of 4-H

Join us for the end of the year celebration on October 3 at the First Presbyterian Church on South Main St. Doors will open at 7:00 pm for the open house. Top honors will be presented at 8:00 p.m. Come check out our new Shirley's Popcorn Clover Crunch and find out how your club can raise money selling this and other tasty Shirley's Popcorn this fall. Livestock checks and county awards will be distributed to our very deserving members.

Go Green 4-H 5K

Mark your calendar for October 14 for the annual 4-H 5K at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. The fun walk/run starts at 10:00 a.m. Entries are due Sept. 25 to order this year's race shirt. Come out and support this Junior Fair Pavilion fundraiser.

Junior Fair Barn Dance

Dust off your boots and head out to the Fairgrounds on October 14 for the annual Barn Dance. Great food, music, fun, and games for all ages! This family event is budget friendly – only \$25 per family or \$10 per individual. All funds raised will go towards the Junior Fair Pavilion Campaign.

Junior Fair Items

Junior Fair Questions?

Contact Nicole Steinmetz, the Jr. Fair Coordinator, at 419-239-3667 and leave a message. Office hours are by appointment. You can also email Nicole at jrfair@hancockfairgrounds.org.

Junior Fairboard Ice Sale is back!

Need ice while you are at the fair? Visit the Junior Fair Office to buy a 22# bag for \$5.00. Proceeds benefit Junior Fair.

Fair Passes

Advisors, if you have not picked up fair passes for your members yet, they will be available in the youth building during set up times. You can stop in at the Senior Fair Office prior to booth set up.

Premiums for Jr. Fair Exhibits

4-H members with projects on display in the youth building will receive premium money from advisors following the fair. Members must have a display in their club booth or in the county booth during the entire fair to be eligible.

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.

Jr. Fair livestock exhibitors can pick up their premium money at the Jr. Fair Office from 1-4 pm the day following the completion of their species show. For example, horse project premium is available on Friday, after the Wednesday and Thursday shows are complete

Any Jr. Fair premiums not picked up by 4 pm on Monday, September 4, will be forfeited.

Jr. Fair Booths – set up/release

“From Sun Up to Sun Down Jr Fair is Back in Town” is the Jr. Fair theme. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone’s creativity for their fair booth design. Awards will be given for a variety of categories to both the large and small booths. The People Choice Award will be back again this year!

Please remember we need volunteers manning the Youth Building during the fair. Call the office to select your time.

Set up prior to fair:

Saturday, August 26 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, August 27 1-5 pm

Monday, August 28 4-6 pm

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 6:00 pm on August 28. Exhibits must remain in place throughout the fair. (If removal is necessary, no premium will be received.)

Exhibits released:

Monday, September 4 6-8 pm

Tuesday, September 5 1-5 pm

Youth Building Events

Tuesday, August 29

3:30-7 pm Drop off time for Jr Fair Sunflower and Pumpkin Display, Flower Display, Vegetable Display, and Decorated Fruit and Vegetable Contest. See details in Fair Premium Book.

Wednesday, August 30

4:00 pm Attention all 4-H members! Bring your best 4-H picture in any or all of the following categories to the Youth Building: Animals/Project Fun, 4-H Selfie, Contests, Camp & People. All pictures MUST be taken at a 4-H

event (club, county, or state level). One entry per class. You may enter in all five classes. Entries must be originals and matted with at least a one inch margin. – minimum size is 4”x6” and maximum size is 5”x7”. All photos are released at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 4.

People Choice Award – vote for your favorite large and small Junior Fair Booths in the Youth Building on August 30 and 31. Voting ends at 10:00 pm on Thursday. Results will be posted by 10:00 am Friday.

Thursday, August 31

10:00 am Scavenger Hunt Challenge – Pick up your challenge form, find the different people or items listed throughout the day and return it to the Youth Building to be eligible for special prizes. Open to all 4-H aged youth, sponsored by the Hancock County 4-H Council.

1:00 pm Cloverbud Fun – All Cloverbuds are invited for a special Cloverbud Activity.

Friday, September 1

10:00 am Scavenger Hunt Challenge – Pick up your challenge form, find the different people or items listed throughout the day and return it to the Youth Building to be eligible for special prizes. Open to all 4-H aged youth, sponsored by the Hancock County 4-H Council.

2:00 pm Junior Fair in Action – Learn more about one of our Junior Fair youth groups through a hands on presentation.

4:00 pm 4-H in Action – Be part of the CSI soil mystery challenge. Participants will explore soil science through hands on fun activities and get to use a “robot tractor”!

Saturday, September 2

- 10:00 am Safe Kids Day in the Youth Building. Hands on safety displays for carseats/boosters, bike safety, and more will be part of this free event.
- 11:00 am Coloring Contest Registration, the Contest is at Noon. Open to youth ages 4-18 years old.
- 1:00 pm – 4-H in Action Service Event – Open to the community. 4-Hers and volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in our 3rd annual County Fair Service Project. Come to the Youth Building to join in. This year we will be making pet toys to donate to local shelters. Donations of fleece would be appreciated. They can be brought to the office prior to the fair or on Wednesday or Thursday during the fair.

Sunday, September 3

- 3:30 pm 4-H in Action – Be part of the CSI soil mystery challenge. Participants will explore soil science through hands on fun activities and get to use a “robot tractor”!

Monday, September 4

- 3:00 pm 4-H Duct Tape and Up Cycle Challenge. Join the Junior Leaders and Junior Fair Board in the Youth Building. Youth participants will have 45 minutes to create a Duct Tape or Up Cycle masterpiece! Ribbons will be given for top entries. Entry must be made in the Youth Building and with what is provided.

General Livestock Reminders

DUNF forms must be completed upon entering the gate with your livestock. The forms are due for all market animals when they weigh-in. If you did not get your DUNF forms at project interviews you can pick them up at the Extension Office or at the Junior Fair Office.

It is the youth member's responsibility to make sure your animals stall or pen is clean and that they have plenty of water and food. Non-compliant members may have premium money withheld or other consequence, including not being allowed to exhibit in the future.

Keep aisles clean and clutter free in all of the barns.

Please help prevent disease and be a good example to other visitors. No food or drinks for people in the barns and be sure to wash your hands before and after handling your livestock.

Junior Fair Thank You Posters

Be sure to hang your buyer Thank You Posters from the provided wires in the Legacy Building. Posters should be up by early morning Wednesday, August 30 to be judged. Cash prizes will be awarded again this year.

Livestock Sale Reminders

- **“Contact the buyers for support BEFORE Sale Day.”** Exhibitors can contact buyers and encourage them to attend the sale or to do a project donation. It is however, not acceptable to approach potential buyers to request their support the day of the sale. Be respectful of their focus on the exhibitor and animal in the ring - you will want that same attention when you are in the ring.
- **“Thank your buyer personally immediately after your animal has been sold through the ring.”** Junior Fair Members will be just outside the ring to help you identify your buyer. Approach your buyer, introduce yourself, shake their hand, and thank them for purchasing your project.
- **“Follow Up after the Sale with a thank you to your buyer.”** All exhibitors that sell through the ring will receive a list of their buyers within two (2) weeks of the sale. It is expected that each exhibitor contact the buyer with no less than a handwritten thank-you card.

- **Sale Order** – Swine, Rabbits, Chickens, Turkeys, Gallon of Milk, Goats, Lambs, Dairy Feeders, Market Steers, Dairy Steers, Calf Club Steers, and Beef Feeders.

Rabbit Department News – from Bev

Tuesday, August 29 rabbits may check in from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm at the north end of the Dairy Barn. All rabbits must be on the fairgrounds prior to 6:00 p.m. Make sure that you have DUNF forms filled out for any meat pen of 3. You will need to show the forms at the gate upon entry and again at weigh in. We will be weighing meat pens and fryers as you check in at the barn from 9-6 pm. Remember we are in the east side of the dairy barn this year. If you have a single fryer it will be identified at this time. No switching or changes after that rabbit is declared. Barn meeting and crowning of royalty should be at about 6:30 pm, place to be determined.

Please note that our show times and location have changed. Wednesday showmanship (mandatory for rabbit department) will start 3:00 pm in the show arena. We will begin immediately after the show before us. Please be there and ready. We will start with the seniors. Thursday the open show starts at 5:00 pm and also is in the show arena. Everyone is welcome to show in the open show. Sign up the day of the show. Saturday the Junior Fair Market and Breed show will start at 3:00 pm in the show arena.

We will have the Rabbit Hopping (rabbit agility) Demonstration September 3. The demonstration will be in the tent, south of the Education Building – time TBA. The demonstration will do sample runs and teach participants the basics of rabbit agility. Come check out this new and upcoming activity. Maybe next year you will be training your own!

Sheep and Goat Ear Tags

If your sheep or goat tore out its ear tag, please bring the tag, if you have it, to weigh in on August 29 for replacement.

Sheep Department News

All Junior Fair exhibitors must check in at the table in the Legacy Building when they arrive at the fair on Tuesday. Completed DUNF forms will be collected at this time.

Weigh in for Market lambs will run from 3-6 pm Tuesday. One lamb per handler across the scales, please. Weigh slips must be printed legibly and fully completed before arriving at the scales. Please be sure to list the entire scrapie tag number.

Please check the bulletin board Wednesday afternoon for market lamb weight classes. Contact Bob Hanna if there are any errors.

Barn meeting for sheep exhibitors will be held at 11:15 am on Thursday at the bleachers on the north side of the Show area.

Thursday's show order is as follows:

- Open Class Carcass Show will be held at its normal time of 7:30 am Thursday morning.
- Showmanship 11:30 am (We will start with senior division first and work our way down. Super showmanship class (previous winners) will be last.
- Sheep breeding show 1 pm or at the conclusion of showmanship if it runs long.
- Market lamb show follows at the conclusion of breeding show. Time approximately 3:30 pm.

Horse Council Fundraiser Auction

Help support 4-H horse activities by attending the auction and/or donating items. The auction is Monday, September 4 at noon near the 4-H Horse Barn. A variety of horse related and non-horse items will be up for grabs. Donation items can be brought to the stage by noon and given to Donene Simmons or Stephane Brooks.