Dear 4-H Family,

Welcome to all of our new and returning families! I hope all of you are excited about your Cloverbud activities, projects, and club programming. We have lots planned for the summer and are looking forward to spending time with you. This newsletter is loaded with celebrations, upcoming events, and good to know information from your Junior Fair representatives. We encourage everyone to review the newsletter closely and be sure to ask your advisor or the office staff if you have any questions. The judging booklet is also enclosed. The 4-H Handbook and the judging booklet work together to provide information you will need to prepare for project judging.

We are pleased to introduce our summer staff for 2017. The summer program assistant is Edy Mowrey and Rebekah White is with us for her internship.

Edyn (Edy) Mowrey is the 2017 Summer Program Assistant. She has been involved with 4-H for 13 years. She is excited to learn more of the behind the scenes of 4-H and use her skills to help those throughout the county.

Rebekah White, is the 2017 Hancock County 4-H and Farm Bureau Intern. She was a member of Buttons and Bows 4-H club for nine years. She is looking forward to digging deeper in to OSU Extension and working with both Farm Bureau and 4-H to reach out to youth in the county.

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, Dawn, Kathy, Jenny, Peg, Bill, and Ed along with myself look forward to helping you.

Yours in 4-H,

Cassie Anderson
Cassie Anderson
Extension Educator- 4-H Youth Development
**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**

**Calendar Update:**

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Dog & Horse Paperwork is due  
Goat Weigh-In and Tagging, 6-8 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 2 | 4-H Camp Registration Due  
Sheep Weigh-In and Tagging, 6-8 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 3 | Quality Assurance and Livestock Clinics,  
10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds  
Safe Kids Day, 1-4 p.m., Findlay Village Mall  
Jr. Fair Board, 4 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 6 | Livestock Judging Contest Registration,  
9 a.m., U of F Animal Science Building  
Quality Assurance in Van Wert County |
| 9 | Camp Counselor Meeting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. |
| 11 | Hancock County PAS Horse Show, Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 12 | No Refunds on Camp Fees  
Quilting Clinic, 6-8 p.m. |
| 13 | Food & Nutrition Project Clinic, 10 a.m.  
Demonstration & Public Speaking Clinic, 2 p.m.  
Cake Decorating Clinic, 2 p.m.  
Natural Resources Project Clinic, 6 p.m. |
| 14 | Horse Council, 7 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 15 | Cloverbud Day Camp, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| 16 | Camp Counselor Work Day, 10 a.m. |
| 20 | State Fair Rabbit, Poultry, Dog and Livestock Entries Due  
Camp Counselor Meeting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Quality Assurance in Allen County |
| 21 | Jr. Leadership Club, 7 p.m. |

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| 6 | Jr. Goat Council, 6:30 p.m.  
Sr. Goat Council, 7 p.m. |
| 10 | Garden Projects Judging Home Visits  
State 4-H Jr. Horse Show Entries Due by 12 p.m.  
Sewing Help Night, 4 p.m. |
| 11 | Miscellaneous Project Judging, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,  
First Presbyterian Church, 2330 S. Main St. |
| 12 | Horse Council, 7 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 13 | Food & Nutrition Judging, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| 14 | Demonstration & Job Interview Contest,  
9:30 a.m. |
| 15 | Dairy Feeder Tagging/Vaccination/Weigh-In,  
8-11 a.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds  
Horse Fun Show, 9 a.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 17 | Clothing Project Judging, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Style Review, 7 p.m. |
| 19 | Jr. Leadership Club, 7 p.m. |
| 20 | State Fair Orientation – Food & Clothing,  
6 p.m., All Other Projects, 7 p.m. |
| 24 | Make Up Judging for Non-Livestock Projects,  
1-5:30 p.m. |
| 25 | 4-H Advisory Council, 7 p.m.  
Last Day to Band Turkeys |

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| 7 | Livestock Project Evaluations, 12-5 p.m.,  
Hancock County Fairgrounds  
Rabbit Tattooing, 6-8 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |
| 8 | NEW Mandatory Beef Feeder Tagging,  
6-7:30 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds |

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9 Horse Council, 7 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds
11 State Teen Leadership Council Application Due to State 4-H Office
14 Outstanding 4-Her & Danforth Award Nominations Due to the Extension Office
Make Up Livestock Project Evaluations, 2-6 pm
16 Jr. Leadership Club, 7 p.m.
19 Horse Fun Show, 9 a.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds
26 Youth Building Booth Set Up, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds
27 Youth Building Booth Set Up, 1-5 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds
28 Youth Building Booth Set Up, 4-6 p.m., Hancock County Fairgrounds
Jr. Fair Board, 6:30 p.m., 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, 6-8 p.m.
5 Youth Building Tear Down, 1-5 p.m.
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 p.m.
Jr. Leadership Club, 7 p.m.
21 Outstanding 4-Her Interviews, 4-8 p.m.
23 State 4-H Horse Groom and Clean Contest
26 4-H Advisory Council, 7 p.m.

Save The Dates:
Oct. Celebration of 4-H, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church
Oct. 4-H 5K, 10 a.m. Barn Dance, 5 p.m.
14 Hancock County Fairgrounds
Nov. 4-H Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 6 p.m.
9 The Lodge at Riverbend

Celebrations

Achievement Award Nominations Selected!
Congratulations to our members selected for trips and to represent the county for the State Achievement Awards. All of these members completed a State Achievement Record to be considered for these honors.

Annalyse Dissinger – Citizenship and Community Service
Nathan Zuercher – Sheep
Brandon Zuercher – Swine
Logan Young – Ohio Township Award
Karis Wilson – First Runner Up for Food and Nutrition Projects.

Recognized as state award winners: Annalyse, Nathan and Brandon will be representing Ohio as part of the delegation attending National Club Congress this fall.

Welcome New Volunteers
As of the printing of this newsletter please welcome the following new volunteers:
Brandon Anspach, Gold Star
Sunni Hubbell, Riverbend 4-H
Sierra Inbody, All Around Champions

2017 Academic Scholarship Winners!
The 4-H Council is pleased to award $3250 in college scholarships for 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 of 2017.

The 4-H Council Scholarship for a Current College Student was awarded to Sara Oler. She is currently attending University of Cincinnati studying in 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 Money, Real World 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 Money, Real World Winners receiving renewable scholarships are:

2016 winner: Jaret “JJ” Mowrey is the son of Lance and Dr. Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowrey. He currently attends the University of Jamestown and majors in Business Marketing.

2015 winner: Michaela Breece is the daughter of Brad and Laura Breece. She currently attends the University of Findlay with a Pre-Veterinary Track.

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

**Congratulations 2017 High School Graduates**

We are very proud of all of our graduating seniors. An invitation to be part of our senior display will be mailed out soon.


**News**

**4-H Benefit Report**

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked, or attended the 2017 4-H Benefit. Over $22,000 (gross) was raised in support of the Hancock County 4-H program. Special thanks to all of the committee members and volunteers who make this program a success. Save the date for next year, April 7, 2018.

**Great Job Clubs on Little Caesar’s Pizza Sale**

It was another great year for the pizza sale. Clubs sold $22,009 in product making over $7000 profit for 4-H. These dollars send kids to camp and provide operating dollars for field trips, t-shirts, and more for area 4-H clubs. Great Job!

**2017 4-H Enrollment**

Thank you to all the families and advisors who worked to get the enrollments in on time. There are 873 4-H members and 150 volunteers this year. We would like to welcome Cornerstone 4-H Club, a new club in the Findlay area.

**4-H Camp – June 25-29**

Will you be part of the team to solve the mystery at 4-H Camp this year? It is not too late to sign up! Registration forms are available at [http://hancock.osu.edu](http://hancock.osu.edu). Camp fees are $170 until June 2 and increase to $185 after that. The camp bus is $25 until full.

Already signed up? The camp counselors are putting together a great plan for camp this year. Registration at camp begins at 3:30 p.m. Please do not arrive earlier than that. Final inspections are being conducted and set up is taking place.

Remind your kids that lost and found is at the Cow Palace during camp. Items not retrieved will be at the Extension Office for two weeks (July 14) following camp and then will be donated to City Mission.
Clover Connections

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Junior Leadership Food Drive

The Hancock County Junior Leadership Club is hosting the 3rd annual food drive for City Mission. Donation barrels will be at every judging event in July and August to collect nonperishable food items. We will tally the number of items each club donates. The top 5 clubs will receive special recognition at the fair.

Cloverbud News

County Cloverbuds

It has been a fun spring for the County Cloverbuds. They enjoyed a cultural adventure at the Black Heritage Museum in February and then learned new games at the YMCA in April. Thank you to our community partners for hosting and to Beth Marshall and Laura Campbell for serving as advisors for the group. Cloverbuds are youth ages 5-8 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. County Cloverbuds will meet this fall on October 5 and December 7, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Programs will be announced in the August newsletter.

Summer Fun for Cloverbuds

Cloverbud Day Camp is June 15, 2017 at the Extension Office. “Cloverbuds in Candy Land” is the theme this year. The first year camp counselors are excited to host this event. There are still a few spots left for day camp. The fee is $20 for the day. Registration materials can be found at http://hancock.osu.edu.

NEW This Year – Cloverbud Show & Tell

Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Cloverbud Show & Tell on August 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Cloverbuds are encouraged to bring something they made this year in Cloverbuds to share. Junior Leaders will facilitate a group of 8-10 Cloverbuds in a Show and Tell experience. Cloverbuds that participate will receive a certificate and a ribbon. We will also have a space for clubs to display a trifold of Cloverbud activities from this past year. There will be refreshments at the end of the program.

Show and Tell is an opportunity for Cloverbuds to have a judging like experience.

Cloverbud Graduation - September 3

Cloverbuds that just completed 2nd grade are invited to participate in Cloverbud Graduation at the Hancock County Fair on Sunday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mini Park at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Graduates will receive an invitation in the mail.

Clinics, Contests, and Judging

Quality Assurance & Livestock Clinic June 3

Livestock clinic day is June 3 at the Fairgrounds. The schedule for the day:

10:00 a.m. in the Show Arena – Quality Assurance Workshop. All members with livestock projects who have not taken QA this spring must attend. We will cover Sportsmanship for new members at the end of the talk. Following the group presentation, livestock clinics will begin to complete the QA training.

10:00 a.m. – Horse and Dog Agility Clinic members with horse or dog agility projects are encouraged to attend. Both species will meet near the horse arena. Dogs will be in the arena, horses will be working on health issues and trailer near the horse barn.

10:45 a.m. – Cattle, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine Clinics will begin for any member that is interested in help with care, showmanship, managing stress, and other topics to be covered. Bring your questions.

Annual Livestock Judging Contest

Livestock Judging Contest will be June 6 at the University of Findlay Animal Science Facility on SR 68. All 4-Hers are invited to participate. There are individual divisions for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. There will also be teams for Juniors and Seniors. New this year, there will be an adult division for those who wish to participate. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the contest starting at 9:30 a.m. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st – 6th place for each individual division and

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1st – 3rd for team divisions. This is a great activity to try something new, learn about the basics of judging, and for your individual honor form.

**Sewing Clinic Series Continues**

There are two remaining sewing clinics.

Are you taking a quilting project or thinking about it next year? Join Joyce Schroeder, Master Clothing Educator, and Nikki Inbody for the quilting clinic on June 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. We will be making and quilting a square that will help with both levels of the quilting project.

July 10 Help Night – Starting at 4:00 p.m., Joyce will be at the Extension Office to help members problem solve or work on finishing 4-H projects. Bring your sewing machine and all of your supplies. Judging is a week away. Time to finish up!

**Still Project Clinics**

Clinic Day will be June 13 at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center Conference Room. Members are encouraged to attend if you are taking the project or thinking about taking it next year.

10:00 a.m. – Food and Nutrition Projects. We will talk about requirements for judging and how to prepare them. Members will practice possible skillathon activities and how to assemble the project portfolio.

2:00 p.m. – Demonstrations and Public Speaking. Demonstrations are an important part of the 4-H experience. This clinic will help members with the skill for a demonstration or to do a health and safety talk. We will provide tips and tricks on participating in the Demonstration Contest and give members an opportunity to practice.

2:00 p.m. – Cake Decorating Clinic. Members of all experiences are encouraged to attend. We will practice different decorating techniques members need for their project requirements.

6:00 p.m. – Natural Resources Project Clinic. Are you taking Ohio Birds, Fishing, or any of the other Natural Resources projects? Attend this clinic for tips and resources for your project and how to best prepare for judging.

**Public Speaking & Job Interview Contest**

The annual Demonstration, Illustrated Talks, and Job Interview contest is July 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office. Individuals and teams are welcome to compete. Prizes will be awarded and the top 5 placings in each class are eligible to compete at the Ohio State Fair. Attend the clinic on June 13 to help prepare.

Job Interview contestants should be ready to interview for a day camp counselor, retail position, or Extension assistant. Participants should come in business dress and bring a resume.

If you are interested in the state Marketing Contest, entries are due July 14 as well and information is on our website.

**Judging Information**

The 2017 Judging Booklet is enclosed with this newsletter. READ IT CAREFULLY!

At Miscellaneous and Food and Nutrition Judging, placings will be announced throughout the day as projects are closed. Ribbons will be distributed at booth set up in August.

Clothing and Quilting project awards will be announced at the Style Review, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. Clothing project members must participate in the style review to be eligible for awards. There is a modeling competition within the style review. Top placings will receive an award.

**NEW THIS YEAR – Judges Choice Award**

The 4-H Council will be sponsoring a new award for members with still projects. During Miscellaneous, Food and Nutrition, Clothing, and Gardening project evaluations each judge will be asked to select the best project/interview of the day. That member will be awarded a special trophy during the fair. More information to come.
**Junior Fair Items**

**Junior Fair Questions?**
Contact Nicole Steinmetz, 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

**Jr. Fair & Departmental Royalty Applications**
August 1 is the deadline to submit applications for 2017 Hancock County Jr. Fair Royalty. Canine, Dairy Feeder, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit and Swine royalty applications are also due August 1 to the Jr. Fair Office. Forms are available at the 4-H office and online.

**Jr. Fair Entries**
The online entry system used for livestock entries is open. Advisors should have received an email with directions. Entries must be made by July 28! Call the Jr. Fair office at 419-423-1373 if you have any questions.

No online entry is required for non-livestock 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 in the club booth.

**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. Remember to pick up your display from your advisor.

Jr. Fair livestock exhibitors can pick up their premium money at the Jr. Fair office from 1-4 p.m. 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 p.m. on Monday, September 4 will be forfeited.

**Jr. Fair Booths - set up/ release**
“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 to both large and small booths for a variety of categories. The People’s Choice Award will be back again this year!

The draft layout of the youth building is enclosed. Please remember we will need volunteers manning the Youth Building during the fair.

**Set up prior to fair:**
- Saturday, Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 27, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 28, 4:00-6:00 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 6:00 p.m. on August 28. Exhibits must remain in place throughout the fair. (If removed, no premium will be paid.)

**Exhibits released:**
- Monday, Sept. 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Rabbit Department News - from Bev**
If you haven’t been to Quality Assurance, attend the one coming up on June 3, 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Immediately following will be a Rabbit Clinic where we will do a mini show to give you an idea of how things will work at the fair. Bring your rabbit for tips on handling and more. You need to have a rabbit in your possession by June 1, so this will work out perfectly. Also, there will be a Rabbit Hopping demonstration which is being considered for the fair. This is an agility course for rabbits.

Next, you will register your rabbits online to show at the fair. Please remember that if you are taking
a meat pen of three, you may have an extra rabbit that could be shown as a fryer. You need another rabbit to fulfill your obligation for the project. You can sign this one up as a single rabbit. If you are showing, you may as well get the full experience.

When you come to the fair on Tuesday, August 29, your DUNF forms must be completed. Show these to the vet at the gate and then turn them in at weigh-in. DUNF forms are only needed for the meat pen of three. Even though the vet at the gate may check your rabbits, we require that you also have them checked at the rabbit barn. We will be in the “Dairy Barn” this year. You will come to the north east end of the barn where we will check for visible signs of disease, open sores, and discharge. New this year, we will be weighing in the meat pens and fryers at check in. Just a reminder, your weights for meat pens and fryers are the same as last year, 3.5-5.5 pounds per rabbit. Your project books may not say that, this is the fair rule.

Last but not least, show times and location have changed. All shows will be in the show arena.

   Wednesday   Showmanship  3:00 p.m.
   Thursday    Open Show   5:00 p.m.
   Saturday    Breed Show  3:00 p.m.

**Poultry Department New - from Betsy**

Pollorum testing will be held June 3, 2017 at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Birds being tested must have a leg band and can be purchased at that time for $0.25 a bird. The test will be good for 90 days. Test cost is $1 per bird. The only birds being tested will be chickens, pheasants, guineas, and peafowl. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Conrad or Lacy Allen.

A poultry clinic will be held at 10:45 a.m. on June 3. Help with caring for your project as well as preparing for the fair will be available.

The last day to band turkeys will be July 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Farm visits are available. Please contact Sara Klay at 419-957-3239 between July 5-21 to schedule an appointment.

**Goat Tagging/ Weigh-In**

Goat Tagging/Weigh-in is June 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Market wethers must be castrated and dehorned. Scrappie tags are required.

**Lamb Tagging/ Weigh-In**

Lamb Tagging/Weigh-in is June 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Market wethers must be castrated and all lambs dehorned. Scrappie tags are required.

**Dairy Feeder Tagging/ Vaccinate/ Weigh-In**

Dairy Feeder tagging/vaccinate/weigh-in is July 15 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. in the Buckeye Building at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

Contact Lynae Stacy (419-722-6096) if you have any questions.

**NEW – Beef Feeder Tagging**

Mandatory Beef Feeder Tagging will be held at the Hancock County Fairgrounds on August 8 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. All beef feeders being exhibited must be castrated and haltered at the time of tagging. Animals must be there, members may have someone else attend with the calf if not able to attend.

**State 4-H Information**

Log into Facebook and Raise Your Hand! We are nearing the last month of the 4-month Raise Your Hand Campaign and with over 10,500 hands raised, Ohio has a nice lead. We want to make sure we finish strong and keep Indiana and Texas at bay!

Awards will go to the counties with most hands raised in June:

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…so Raise Your Hand!