Dear 4-H Family,

It has been another great summer for Hancock County 4-H. We saw a record 273 camper/staff attendance at 4-H Camp. Our first year counselors had a blast leading a maxed out Cloverbud Day Camp. All of our project clinics and contests were taught by great folks and the kids got a lot out of the experience. Hancock County was also well represented again at the Ohio State Fair. I loved seeing photos on social media of everyone’s experiences from 4-H!

Now the school year is starting and the fair is right around the corner. I’m excited to celebrate everyone’s work with great youth building displays and livestock shows! “Choose Your Own Adventure at the Hancock County Junior Fair” will be a fun way to highlight club efforts.

We want to say a big thank you to Caitlin Streacker for serving as the summer program assistant this year. Caitlin like many OSU students headed back to college mid August.

We also want to thank all of our clinic teachers this year. Nikki Inbody, Peg Meents, Michaela Breece, Joyce Schroeder, Brooke Anspach and Sarah Moyer lead members through clinics including: cake decorating, food and nutrition, clothing, public speaking, and photography.

A special thanks to Phil Riegle, our County Prosecutor for his continued leadership with the County Government project. This is a unique opportunity for our youth to engage in local government.

Please read through this newsletter carefully. This will help you be where you need to be and ready to have a great Hancock County Fair. 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,

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!
- **Hancockco4h on Instagram**, Follow us!
- **4-H Family Handbook**

### Calendar Update:

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Celebrations

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 5. Contact the office with your nomination or at the Youth Building during the fair.

2018 Scholarship Winners to Be Recognized

Academic scholarship winners will be recognized as part of Cloverbud Graduation on September 2, 2pm in the Old Mill Stream Centre.

The Denise Tebbe Scholarship was awarded to KC Critchet and Madilyn Youngpeter. The 4-H Council Alumni Scholarship was awarded to Justine Mitchell. The 4-H Council Graduating Senior Scholarship was awarded to Miranda Mowrey.

The 2018 4-H Memorial Renewable Scholarship was awarded to Jacob Rider. Also recognized will be 2017 winner Annie Patterson, 2016 winner Jaret “JJ” Mowrey, and 2015 winner Michaela Breeze.

Count County Cloverbuds

The 2018/19 schedule has been set for County Cloverbud program. Please remember an adult partner must attend with a Cloverbud. All meetings are from 6:15-7:15pm. County Cloverbud is open to youth that are in Kindergarten and 5 years old until they are 8 and in 2nd grade.

• October 4, Homestead Fall Farms Pumpkin Patch, 6850 Township Road 258, Alvada.
• December 6, Northwest Ohio Train Museum, 12505 County Road 99, Findlay.
• February 7, Extension Office. We will meet with folks from One Energy and have a program on wind.
• April 4, Extension Office. The Sheriff’s Office will have a K-9 Unit demonstration.

Cloverbud Graduation – September 2

Cloverbuds that just completed the second grade were invited to participate in Cloverbud Graduation at the Hancock County Fair on Sunday, September 2 at 2pm, at the Old Mill Stream Centre.

Cloverbud Celebration

Come One! Come All! to the 2018 Cloverbud Celebration! On September 2 after the Cloverbud Graduation, approximately 2:30pm, 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. The party will be in the Youth Building from approximately 2:30-4pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!
Upcoming Events

Celebration of 4-H

Join us for the end of the year celebration on October 2 at the (NEW LOCATION) Old Mill Stream Centre on the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Doors will open at 7pm for the open house. Top honors will be presented at 8pm. An ice cream social will be provided for our 4-H families by the Hancock County 4-H Council. Livestock checks and county awards will be distributed to our very deserving members.

Fall Family Fun Day

Mark your calendar for October 27! Hancock County 4-H and the Kiwanis Club of Findlay are partnering Fall Family Fun Day featuring Trunk or Treating from 2-3:30pm and the first annual Trick or Trot 5K costume fun run/walk at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Both events are open to the community. Trunk or Treat will be a free event. The Trick or Trot 5K will have a $15 entry fee plus $5 if you would like the event shirt. Registration forms will be available at the fair and we will be on runsignup.com soon.

Clubs looking for a fall service project? Here is your chance! Sponsor a trunk or treat station. We need clubs to either have goodies to pass out or do an activity for kids. Contact Cassie (anderson.3157@osu.edu) if you are interested.

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.

Opening Ceremonies (NEW LOCATION and DATE)

Opening Ceremonies and crowning of the 2018 Hancock County Junior Fair Royalty will be Tuesday, August 28, 7pm at the Old Mill Stream Centre!

Back Number Distribution

NEW THIS YEAR! Show Back Numbers will be distributed on Tuesday, August 28 at the Junior Fair Office. Members can pick up their back number for the week from 7am-6:30pm and then following opening ceremonies until 9pm. Horse members, you already have your number for the week from the summer fun shows. These are the same back numbers you have received prior to shows in the past.

Junior Fairboard Ice Sale!

Need ice while you are at the fair? Visit the Junior Fair Office to buy a 22# bag for $6.00. 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 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. Members are also responsible to pick up their display from their advisor during tear down.

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 their fair exhibit.

Jr. Fair livestock exhibitors can pick up their premium money at the Jr. Fair Office from 1-4pm 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 4pm on Monday, September 3, will be forfeited.

**Jr. Fair Booths - set up/ release**

“Choose Your Own Adventure at the Hancock County Junior Fair” is the 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’s 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 25, 10am-5pm
- Sunday, August 26, 1-5pm
- Monday, August 27, 4-6pm

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

**Exhibits released:**
- Monday, September 3, 6-8pm
- Tuesday, September 4, 1-5pm

**Help Support the New Junior Fair Pavilion Fund**

The Junior Fair Pavilion will replace the current Education and Youth Buildings. These buildings have served us well but are to the point where wear/tear and ongoing repairs are affecting their usability.

This new building will become a home for youth programming in our community. This project will have a year-round purpose for Junior Fair youth programs.

How can you help? $300,000 has been raised! An additional $300,000 is still needed. A complete list of current donors will be on display in the Old Mill Stream Centre during the fair in appreciation of their dedication to this project.

Clubs are challenged to help raise $20,000 to help reach this goal. We have already reached 10% of the goal with pledges from Rock-N-Roll, Hancock Hareraisers, and Gold Star 4-H Clubs. A challenge was made at the 4-H benefit for clubs to donate $500. Whatever your club can do is appreciated, but Clubs donating $500 or more will be able to have first choice on booth location in the new building.

Donations are welcome and gladly accepted from everyone. We appreciate the effort and time that is put into the Youth and Education Building Exhibits. Help us make a great home for 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Camp Fire, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the schools, and Junior Achievement!

**Youth Building Events**

**Wednesday, August 29**

4pm Attention all 4-H members! Bring your best 4-H picture in the following categories to the Youth Building: Animals/Project Fun, 4-H Selfie, Contests, Camp, and 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 6pm on Monday, September 3.

People’s Choice Award – vote for your favorite large and small Junior Fair Booths in the Youth Building on August 29 and 30. Voting ends at 10pm on Thursday. Results will be posted by 10am Friday.
Thursday, August 30

10am 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.

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

Friday, August 31

10am 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.

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

4pm 4-H in Action – Be part of STEM challenge. Put your engineering hat on and come check it out.

Saturday, September 1

10am Safe and Healthy Kids Day in the Youth Building is a free event. Hands on safety displays for car seats/boosters and bike safety. Try out the 4-H Smoothie Bike.

11am Coloring Contest Registration. The contest is at noon. Open to youth ages 4-18 years old.

1pm 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 fleece tie blankets again for the Findlay Project Linus Chapter.

Sunday, September 2

2:30pm Following Cloverbud Graduation we will have a Cloverbud Party for all Cloverbuds. Games, Food, Face Painting and Fun for all! It will be held in the Youth Building.

Monday, September 3

3pm 4-H Duct Tape and Up Cycle Challenge. Join the Junior Leaders and Junior Fairboard 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 made with the items provided.

6-8pm Booths are dismissed and tear down may begin with advisor supervision.

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.

Weigh-In Schedule/Check-In Schedule

Swine – 7-11am
Poultry – 9am-8pm
Rabbits – 9am-6pm
Goats – 12-5pm
Lambs – 12-6pm
Dairy Feeders – 4:30-6:30 pm
Dairy Steers – after opening ceremonies
Market Steers – follow Dairy Steers

All animals must be in place by 8:00 pm.

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 held 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. Posters should be up by early morning Wednesday, August 29 to be judged. Cash prizes will be awarded again this year. See the fair book for rules and details.

**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.

2018 Sale Order is Beef Feeders, Swine, Rabbits, Chickens, Turkeys, Gallon of Milk, Goats, Lambs, Dairy Feeders, Market Steers, Dairy Steers, and Calf Club Steers.

**Poultry Department**

- Barn Setup will be Friday, August 24 starting at 6pm. All exhibitors are encouraged to assist.
- Check-In will be Tuesday, August 28, 9am-8pm at the front of the Poultry Barn. All exhibitors must check-in before entering the barn with their birds and/or eggs.
- Weigh-in for market animals will be Tuesday, August 28, 12-5pm. A DUNF (Drug Use Notification Form) must be completed for each pen of meat chickens and each turkey.
- Jr. Fair Poultry Show will be Wednesday, August 29 at 1pm. We will start in the poultry barn for market animal selection and move to the South Show Arena at 3pm. Exhibitors must be dressed in show clothes.
- Jr. Fair Poultry Showmanship will be Friday, August 31 at 2pm in the South Show Arena. Exhibitors must be dressed in show clothes and show a bird belonging to the exhibitor.
- NEW! Poultry Department Stewardship Award - Available to Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitors who are excellent ambassadors for the Poultry Department and Barn, provide exceptional care for their animals and demonstrate ownership in the appearance/cleanliness of the Poultry Barn. Applications are due Sunday, September 2 at 7pm and will be awarded on Monday, September 3 at 10am.
- Check the bulletin board in the barn for important information, signup sheets, etc.

**Rabbit Department News – from Bev**

Rabbit Department is ready for the 2018 Fair. We have a few things to remind you.

- Rabbits should be brought to the fair in a carrier appropriate for transporting small animals, with proper ventilation.
- When bringing your rabbits to the fair on Tuesday, August 28 you should have a DUNF form filled out properly for only your meat pen of 3. That should be in your
hand at the gate when you enter and when you check in at the barn.

- Check in for all rabbits begins at 9:00 am. All rabbits will be checked for visible signs of illness or injury.
- Your meat pens of three and fryers will be weighed between 9am-6pm. Your weight must be 3.5 - 5.5 lbs per rabbit. If you have extra rabbits for base bid, please have that information ready at check in.
- The rabbit department will provide chips for below the cages. You should bring your own feed.
- Events will all be in the South Show Arena: Wednesday, 3pm, Showmanship (mandatory); Thursday, 5pm, Open Class show; Saturday, 8am, Breed show starting with meat pens; Sunday, 3pm, Best Dressed Small Animal (fun event for anyone & any small animal).
- Monday Sale Day starting at 9am. The most important thing is to make sure you are courteous to your buyers. If you haven’t contacted them yet, do it now, and do not bother them in the sale ring at the fair.
- Remember to always thank any and all buyers for their continued support.
- If you had a meat pen of 3 that sold last year, make a Thank You Poster to be displayed in the rabbit barn.

I think that is everything in a nut shell. Oh, but finally have fun! See you at the fair. Questions? Call Bev Welty 419-348-5378.

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 noon-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 scrappie tag number.

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

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

Thursday's show order is as follows:
- Open Class Carcass Show, 7:30am.
- Showmanship, 11am (Start with senior division and work our way down. Super showmanship (previous winners) will be last. Followed by Sheep Breeding and the Market Lamb Show.

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 28 for replacement.

Goat Department Fun – Friday, August 31

Best Dressed Goat Contest, 6pm followed by Milk Production Contest.

Junior Fair Goat Obstacle Course, 7pm.

Must be in a Hancock County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Cloverbuds not eligible.

Horse Council Fundraiser Auction

Help support 4-H horse activities by attending the auction and/or donating items. The auction is Monday, September 3 at noon in the Old Mill Stream Centre. A variety of horse and non-horse related items will be up for grabs. Donations can be brought to the Bell Tower during the Junior Fair Horse Shows or given to Donene Simmons or Stephane Brooks.

Horse Costume Contest

New Contest in the Horse Arena! Friday, August 31 at 6:30pm 4-Hers and their favorite equine friend are invited to participate. Jr. Class under 13 and Sr. Class 14-18 are the two divisions. Single entry only, no group entries. This is a lead in competition only. Bring a note card with a 2-3 sentence description of your entry.