

Clover Connection



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Dear 4-H Family,

Wow what a great 4-H Year. Hard to believe the fair is right around the corner. The Extension Staff is looking forward to seeing everyone at booth set up and at the different shows during the fair. "Let the Good Times Grow" will be a fun theme to see everyone's interpretations. Your hard work will be on display and celebrated!

This newsletter is loaded with celebrations, upcoming events, and good to know information from Junior Fair. We encourage everyone to review the newsletter closely and be sure to ask your advisor or the office staff if you have any questions.

Thanks to everyone working with us as the transition to using 4-H Online for enrollment, scheduling appointments for make-up judging and livestock interviews this year. 4-H Online is a resource for you to manage your family's 4-H experience, including being able to enroll in 4-H and see what projects you are enrolled in. Be sure to check it out. We appreciate everyone for learning by doing as we all tried our hand at online enrollment this year.

We are pleased to introduce new faces to the office staff.



Conner Hovest joined us April 29 as an Extension Program Assistant. Conner is a Putnam County 4-H alumna and is excited to learn the traditions of Hancock County 4-H and help 4-H families. Conner will be supporting 4-H, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Agriculture & Natural Resources programs.

We also welcomed Emilee Drerup, our Family and Consumer Sciences Educator. She joined the staff on June 3. Emilee comes to us from Putnam County where she worked as the SNAP-Ed program assistant. Emilee is excited to begin her Educator role in Hancock County.



Both Conner and Emilee will be out at the fair and at the Extension Office. Be sure to stop in and say Hi!

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.

Yours in 4-H,

Cassie

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Looking for information? Your Resources:

- <http://hancock.osu.edu> - Check our website for current opportunities, updates, and much more
- Ohio4h.org – Ohio 4-H opportunities & info
- **4-H Online** – oh.4honline.com – your source to managing your 4-H profile including judging scheduling
- Hancock County 4-H on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, Follow Us!
- **4-H Family Handbook**

Calendar Update:

August – events at Hancock Ag Service Center unless noted

HCF = Hancock County Fairgrounds

24	Youth Building Set Up, 10am-5pm, HCF
25	Youth Building Set Up, 1-5pm HCF
26	Youth Building Set Up, 4-6pm, HCF
27	Hancock County Fair Livestock Move-In & Weigh-Ins, beginning at 7am Hancock County Fair Opening Ceremonies, 7pm, HCF
28-2	Hancock County Fair

September – events at Hancock Ag Service Center unless noted

HCF = Hancock County Fairgrounds

2	Labor Day- OFFICE CLOSED Youth Building Tear Down, 6-8pm, HCF
3	Youth Building Tear Down, 1-5pm, HCF
8	Jr. Fair Board Meeting, 4pm
9	Sr. Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, HCF
11	Horse Council, 7pm
16	Community Service, Banner Club, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Award, Individual Honor Award, Outstanding 4-Her and Danforth Award Applications Due to 4-H Office
18	Jr. Leadership Club, 7pm
23	Outstanding 4-Her & Danforth Award Interviews, 4-8pm
24	4-H Advisory Council, 7pm

October – events at Hancock Ag Service Center

unless noted

HCF = Hancock County Fairgrounds

3	County Cloverbuds, 6:15-7:15pm Sr. Goat Council, 7pm
6	Jr. Fair Board Meeting, 4pm
7	Sr. Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, HCF
8	Celebration of 4-H, 7pm, Old Mill Stream Centre
9	Horse Council, 7pm
16	Jr. Leadership Club, 7pm
26	Fall Family Day featuring: 4-H Trunk or Treat, 1:30-3:30pm, HCF Kiwanis Trick or Trot 5K, 4pm, HCF

November – events at Hancock Ag Service Center

unless noted

HCF = Hancock County Fairgrounds

3	Jr. Fair Board Meeting, 4pm
4	Sr. Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, HCF
7	4-H Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 6pm, Old Mill Stream Centre
11	Veterans Day- OFFICE CLOSED
13	Horse Council, 7pm
18	Camp Counselor Applications Due to 4-H Office
19	4-H Advisory Council, 7pm
20	Jr. Leadership Club, 7pm
28-29	OFFICE CLOSED

Celebrations

Achievement Award Nominations Selected!

Congratulations to our members selected for State and National trips and to represent the county for the State Achievement Awards. Recipients completed a State Achievement Record to be considered for these honors.

Hannah Betts – Poultry, Second Alternate

Zachary Breece – Beef, First Alternate

Allyson Patterson – Shooting Sports, Second Alternate
Communications, First Alternate

Karissa Welte – Food and Nutrition, State Achievement Winner

County Nominees:

Category	Nominee	Alternate
Beef	Zachary Breece	
Citizenship / Community Service	Zachary Breece	Abby Breece
Clothing & Textiles	Abby Breece	
Communication	Allyson Patterson	Karissa Welte
Companion Animals	Allyson Patterson	
Environmental Science	Allyson Patterson	
Foods & Nutrition	Reese Recker	Karissa Welte
Goats	Kaila Bowen	
Health & Safety	Aiden Mowrey	Karissa Welte
Horse	Ethan Campbell	
Leadership	Matthew White	Daniel White
Mechanical & Engineering Science	Ethan Campbell	Zachary Breece
Personal Development	Allyson Patterson	Zachary Breece
Poultry	Hannah Betts	Jacob Deiter
Rabbits	Garrison Holland	
Sheep	Daniel White	Matthew White
Shooting Sports	Jacob Deiter	Allyson Patterson
Swine	Matthew White	
OTA Local Government Award	Annalyse Dissinger	Allyson Patterson
State Junior Fair Board	Hannah Betts	

2019 Trip Winners Selected!**Buckeye Leadership Workshop:**

Garrison Holland Ashley Patterson

Camp Canopy (formally Ohio Forestry Camp)

Jacob Deiter

State Leadership Camp

Aiden Mowrey Karissa Welte

Matthew White

Citizenship Washington Focus

Hannah Betts Ethan Campbell

Daniel White

Alternate: Annalyse Dissinger

Alternate: Brandon Zuercher

Carving New Ideas (CNI)

Kaila Bowen Abby Breece

Annalyse Dissinger

Welcome New Volunteers

Please help me welcome the following new volunteers:

- Derek Boutwell - Jolly Jacksons
- Abbi Brink - Junior Dean, 4-H Camp Ohio
- Deanna Brown - Lucky Star
- Jennifer Gioffredo - Cornerstone
- Avery Holland - Hancock Hareraisers
- Taylor Kloepfer - Circle V Riders
- Katherine Kreuchauf - CMC Town & Country Kids
- Sarah Peoples - Riverbend
- Marcia Roy - Rocky Ford Guys & Gals
- Roger Roy - Rocky Ford Guys & Gals
- Christopher Sewell - Shooting Sports & Riverbend
- Jennifer Sewell - Riverbend
- April Smith - Pride of Pleasant
- Brian Smith - Millstream Farmers
- Aaron Snyder - Shooting Sports
- Samuel Stahl - Junior Dean, 4-H Camp Ohio

New to Hancock County 4-H:

- Trisha Boutwell - Jolly Jacksons, 10 yrs service
- Joel Hamric - Shooting Sports, 9 yrs service

2019 Academic Scholarship Winners!

The 4-H Council is pleased to award college scholarships for 4-H graduates and alumni this year.



“The Denise Tebbe Scholarship” goes to Ethan Campbell and Cheyenne Potteiger. Ethan is a member of the His Kids 4-H Club and will be attending Heidelberg University studying information systems. He is the son of Allan & Rose Ann Campbell. Cheyenne, daughter of Jason & Sabrina Potteiger, is a member of the Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club and is currently attending the University of Findlay studying physical therapy.

The 2019 4-H Council Scholarship for a Current College student was awarded to Karis Wilson. She is currently attending University of Cincinnati studying nursing. Karis is the daughter of Kent & Colleen Wilson.

The 2019 Graduating Senior 4-H Council Scholarship was awarded to Hannah Betts of Millstream Farmers 4-H Club. She plans to attend Wilmington College in the fall to study agricultural education and animal science. Hannah’s parents are Jerry & Sarah Betts.

The 2019 Hancock County Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Eli Palmer, son of Rod & Rhonda Palmer. He is a member of Biglick Buckeyes 4-H Club and will

be attending University of Cincinnati in the fall to study mechanical engineering.

Previous Hancock County Memorial Scholarship Winners:

2018: Jacob Rider is the son of Steve and Joann Rider. He currently attends Trine University studying mechanical engineering.

2017: Annie Patterson is the daughter Ron and Christine Patterson. She currently attends Eastern Michigan studying political science.

2016: Jaret "JJ" Mowrey is the son of Lance and Dr. Mary Beth Kennedy-Mowrey. He currently attends the University of Jamestown majoring in business marketing.

4-H Council looks forward to recognizing our scholarship winners September 1, during Cloverbud Graduation, at 2 pm, during the Hancock County Fair.

Congratulations 2019 High School Graduates



We are very proud of all our graduating seniors. To learn a little more about these 4-H members, be sure to check out the senior display in the Youth Building during the Hancock County Fair.

Matthew Bame	–	Claire Bateson
Hannah Betts	–	Madison Brown
Ethan Campbell	–	Leah Conley
Annalyse Dissinger	–	Megan Fisher
Martha Foltz	–	Joshua Leopold
Allison McComas	–	Jamey Miles
Amelia Mitchell	–	Eli Palmer
Hannah Post	–	Cheyenne Potteiger
Kaylee Rader	–	Grace Schlumbohm
Jake Simons	–	Emma Smith
Amanda Strapp		

Project Judging 2019

It was a great summer of project judging, contests and state fair. Be sure to check out the results display in the Youth Building during the fair or visit: <https://hancock.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/judging-contest-results>.

2019 Volunteer Award Nominations

Help us celebrate advisors and community members/organizations who go above and beyond to make Hancock County 4-H a great program. Nominations for the 4-H Alumni, Outstanding Service, and 4-H Hall of Fame Awards will be accepted through October 11, 2019. Contact the office with your nomination or at the Youth Building during the fair.

2018 Honorees:

Bruce and Tish Sampson, 4-H Alumni Award

Alan Campbell, Outstanding Service to 4-H Award

Bev Welty, Hancock County 4-H Hall of Fame

Bill and Nancy Recker, Hancock County 4-H Hall of Fame

Judges Choice Award Is Back!

The 4-H Council is sponsoring an award for members with still projects. During Miscellaneous, Food and Nutrition, and Clothing project evaluation each judge was asked to select the best project/interview of the day. Member will be awarded a special trophy at the Celebration of 4-H. The trophies will be on display during the fair in the Youth Building.



Celebration of 4-H

Join us for the end of the year celebration on October 8 at the Old Mill Stream Centre at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Doors will open at 7 pm for the open house. Top honors will be presented at 8 pm. 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.

Reminder: Applications and award forms for Community Service, Banner Club, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Award, Individual Honor Award, Outstanding 4-Her and Danforth Award Applications due to 4-H Office September 16, 2019.

News

4-H Benefit Report

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked, or attended the 2019 4-H Benefit in March. \$25,000+ was raised in support of the Hancock County 4-H program. Special thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who make this program a success. Save the date for next year's benefit, April 4, 2020.

Great Job Clubs on Little Caesar's Pizza Sale

It was another great year for the pizza sale. Clubs sold \$30,156 in product making over \$10,000 profit for 4-H. Thank you to everyone who bought pizza and cookie kits and to the volunteers who came out to unload and sort over 1,500 of these kits. The dollars earned send kids to camp, and provide operating dollars for field trips, t-shirts, and more for the area clubs. Great Job!

2019 4-H Enrollment

Thank you to all the families and advisors who worked to get the enrollments in on time. There are 876 members this year.

My Hands to Larger Service: Service Opportunity for Touch a Truck Day

Garner Trucking is looking for volunteers for the fifth annual Touch a Truck event! Each year this event continues to grow, with over 2,500 people attending last year. Touch a Truck is a FREE annual event focused on increasing awareness of the skilled trades and making the large service vehicles seem less intimidating when you are able to touch, feel and interact with them. This year's event will take place Saturday, September 14, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, helping to track number of attendees (this is a free event, volunteers use clickers to attempt to track each person entering a certain area), providing water to company participants and clean up. If you have a group that would be interested in earning volunteer hours please



contact Jenny Schaub at Garner Trucking, jschaub@garnertrucking.com or 419-422-5742.

Brad Beach Memorial Square Dance

Join us in a celebration of the life of a wonderful friend of 4-H, FFA and Junior Fair, Brad Beach. His family will be hosting the 2nd annual Brad Beach Memorial Square Dance in front of the Senior Fair Office from 5-7 pm on Saturday, August 31, of the fair. Put on your dancing shoes and head over for a great time. Not a square dancer, no problem – there will be teachers on hand!

County 4-H Shirt Sale sponsored by Junior Leadership

Be sure to check out the new Hancock County 4-H t-shirt or hoodie. A second order will be offered, due September 13. Shirts will be available at Celebration of 4-H, October 8, for pick up. Order form flyer is enclosed. The shirts are black with green lettering. Proceeds benefit Junior Leadership.

Fall Family Fun Day

Mark your calendar for October 26! Hancock County 4-H and the Kiwanis Club of Findlay are partnering for Fall Family Fun Day featuring Trunk or Treating from 1:30-3:30 pm and the second 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 on <https://runsignup.com>.



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 to do an activity with kids. Contact Cassie if you are interested at anderson.3157@osu.edu.

CloverBud News

County Cloverbuds

It was a fun spring for the County Cloverbuds. They enjoyed great presentations from One Energy and



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the Hancock County Sheriff's K-9 unit. Thank you to our community partners and to Mary Ellen Gray, Beth Marshall, and Laura Campbell for serving as advisors for the group.

Cloverbuds are youth ages 5-8 and in Kindergarten through grade 2. County Cloverbuds will meet this fall. Cloverbuds must have an adult partner attend with them. Please note the earlier time for the October 3 program.

- October 3 – University of Findlay Western Equestrian Farm, 14700 St Rt 68, Findlay, Ohio **5:30-6:30 pm**
- December 5 – Christmas Tree activity sponsored by Homestead Fall Farms @ Extension Office 6:15-7:15 pm
- February 6 – Mazza Museum – tour – story – craft @ the Virginia B Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion @ University of Findlay 6:15-7:15
- April 2 – Carnival – Extension Office 6:15-7:15

Cloverbud Graduation – September 1

Cloverbuds who have just completed grade 2 are invited to participate in Cloverbud Graduation at the Hancock County Fair on Sunday, September 1, at 2 pm in the Old Mill Stream Centre.

Following graduation there is a celebration party for all Cloverbuds from 2:30-4 pm in the Youth Building. Games, snacks, prizes and more wait for you at the Cloverbud Graduation party. Stop by and check out the fun.

Junior Fair Items

Junior Fair Questions?

Contact Nicole Steinmetz, Junior 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 Applications Available

Junior Fair Board is looking for great teens. New this year, individuals entering the 8th grade may apply. Applications are online and at the Junior Fair Office. They are due to the Junior or Senior Fair Office on or before October 8.

Opening Ceremonies

Opening ceremonies and crowning of the 2019 Hancock County Junior Fair Royalty will be Tuesday, August 27, 7pm at the Old Mill Stream Centre!

Back Number Distribution

Show Back Numbers will be distributed on Tuesday, August 27 at the Junior Fair Office. Members can pick up their back number for the week from 7 am - 6:30 pm and then following opening ceremonies until 10 pm. Horse members, you already have your number for the week from the summer fun shows. These are the same back numbers you received prior to shows in the past.

Junior Fairboard Ice Sale!



Need ice while you are at the fair? Support the Junior Fairboard by visiting the Junior Fair Office to buy a 22# bag for \$6.00.

Ag Olympics is Back!

Teams of 5 can check in at the Junior Fair Office each day of the fair to find out the challenge. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the week.

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 Junior 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.

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, please see Cassie to exhibit your projects. 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.

Junior 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 Junior Fair premiums not picked up by 4 pm on Monday, September 2, will be forfeited. Advisors may check between 4-4:30 pm, Monday, and pick up premium money not collected for their members.

Junior Fair Booths – set up/release

“Let the Good Times Grow at the Hancock County Jr. Fair” is the Junior 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. The People’s Choice Award will be back again this year!

The draft layout of the youth building is available to advisors. Please remember we need volunteers to man the Youth Building during the fair. The link to access the schedule was emailed to advisors.

Set up prior to fair:

Saturday, Aug. 24	10 am – 5 pm
Sunday, Aug. 25	1 – 5 pm
Monday, Aug. 26	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 pm on Monday, August 26. Exhibits must remain in place throughout the fair. (If removal is necessary, no premium will be received.)

Exhibits released:

Monday, Sep. 2	6 – 8 pm
Tuesday, Sep. 3	1 – 5 pm

Youth Building Events

Wednesday, August 28

4 pm 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 6 pm on Monday, September 2.

People’s Choice Award – vote for your favorite large and small Junior Fair Booths in the Youth Building on August 28 and 29. Voting ends at 10 pm on Thursday. Results will be posted by 10 am Friday.

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

- 10 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 pm Junior Fair in Action – Black Swamp Area Council BSA (Boy Scouts of America) will be conducting a fun activity.
- 4 pm 4-H in Action – Be part of STEM challenge. Put your engineering hat on and come check it out.

Saturday, August 31

- 10 am Safe and Healthy Kids Day in the Youth Building is a free event. Hands on safety displays for car seats/boosters and bike safety.
- 11 am Coloring Contest Registration. The contest is at noon. Open to youth ages 4-18 years old.
- 1 pm 4-H in Action Service Event – Open to the community. 4-Hers and volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in our 4th annual County Fair Service Project. Come to the Youth Building to join in. We will have a project to work on to help our community.

Sunday, September 1

2:30 pm 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 2

3 pm 4-H Duct Tape and Up Cycle Challenge. Join 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.

6-8 pm 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, Tuesday, August 27:

Swine	7-11 am
Rabbits	9 am-6 pm
Poultry	12-5 pm
Goats	12-5 pm
Lambs	12-6 pm
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 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 8 am, 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 invite them to support the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. It is 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.

Poultry Department News

- Barn Setup is Friday, August 23, starting at 6 pm. All exhibitors are encouraged to assist. There will be a building meeting at 5 pm.
- Check-In is Tuesday, August 27, 9 am - 8 pm 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 27, 12-5 pm. A DUNF (Drug Use Notification Form) must be completed for each pen of meat chickens and each turkey.
- 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 1 at 7 pm and will be awarded on Monday, September 2 at 10 am.

- Check the bulletin board in the barn for important information, signup sheets, etc.

Rabbit Department News

- Rabbits should be brought to the fair in a carrier appropriate for transporting small animals, with proper ventilation.
- When bringing rabbits to the fair on Tuesday, August 27, have your 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 am. All rabbits will be checked for visible signs of illness or injury.
- Meat pens of three and fryers will be weighed between 9 am – 6 pm. 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.
- Monday Sale Day starting at 9 am. The most important thing is to make sure you are courteous to your buyers. If you haven't contacted them yet, do it now. 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.

Oh, 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 11:15 am on Thursday at the bleachers on the north side of the Show area.

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 27 for replacement.

Goat Department Fun – Friday, August 30

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

Junior Fair Goat Obstacle Course, 7 pm.

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 2 at 1 pm 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

The Costume Contest is in the Horse Arena Friday, August 30, at 6:30 pm. 4-Hers and their favorite equine friend are invited to participate. There are two age divisions: Jr Class ages, 13 & under and Sr Class, ages 14-18. 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. The theme this year is Disney!

