Dear 4-H Volunteer,

A full-page advertisement in a magazine recently caught my eye. The lead read, “The Greatest 4-H Project in History”. Intrigued, I read the remainder of the ad, “One fateful day, Arthur Perdue gave his 10-year-old son, Frank, 50 chickens – the least productive flock in his small egg business. Little Frank dutifully fed, cared for, and studied those chickens for his 4-H project.

A month later, those hens were laying eggs like nobody’s business. Today, the Perdue family is still in business – because the 4-H project has really never stopped.

Now, more than ever, the Perdue family is committed to setting new standards in animal care, quality and innovation. Here’s to the next 100 years!”

What a great story and what a strong testimonial to the lasting impact of 4-H. We are a youth development organization striving to help diverse youth and adults reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens.

I am proud of our 4-H program overall and I am proud of our 4-H volunteers. Here’s to a great year in 2020!

Sincerely,

Bonnie Malone    Kris Simpson & Bethany Lortcher
Extension Educator Program Assistants
4-H Youth Development 4-H Youth Development

100th Anniversary of Huron County Fair in 2021
The Huron County Senior Fair Board is gearing up for a 100th Anniversary celebration next year. They have a small core committee established, but need some Junior Fair representation. They are hoping one or two 4-H advisors, 4-H members or Jr. Fair superintendents will join the planning committee. Please contact Bonnie at the Extension Office for more information or to volunteer.

A display of fair memorabilia is being planned. Check your attics and archives for potential display items!

Bonnie Malone
Extension Educator

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CLOVER CREATIONS
Huron County 4-H Youth Development Volunteer Newsletter March/April, 2020

March
2 Leader's Recognition Banquet Reservations Due
3 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
5 Senior Fair Board, fairgrounds, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
8-14 Ohio 4-H Week
8 Quality Assurance, St. Alphonsus, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
9 4-H Leader’s Recognition Banquet, N. Fairfield American Legion, 6:00 p.m.
10 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
14 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference, Columbus
14 OSU Collegiate 4-H Plowboy Prom, Columbus
17 Sale Committee, fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m.
19 Dog Committee, 6:00 p.m.
20-22 Ohio Beef Expo, OH Expo Center, Columbus
20 Beef Expo Judging Contest & Beef QA
21 OSU Policy 1.50 Update, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
24 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
25 Barrow Carcass Applications Due
25 OSU Policy 1.50 Update, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
25 Horse Council, 7:00 p.m.
26-28 Spring Dairy Expo, OH Expo Center, Columbus
26 State Dairy Judging at Spring Dairy Expo
28 OSU Jr. Swine Day & QA, Columbus & Wooster
31 Quality Assurance, New London, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
31 Swine Committee Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April
1 ACROSS COUNTY LINES REQUEST DEADLINE
1 Kevin Zimmerman Memorial 4-H Scholarship Due
1 Photography Clinic, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
2-5 Ohio Equine Affair, OH Expo Center, Columbus
2 New Cloverbud Advisor Training, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
2 New Volunteer Training, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
2 OSU Policy 1.50 Update, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
2 Senior Fair Board, fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
3 Horse Royalty Applications Due
7 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
8 Rabbit Clinic, “Basics, Breeds, Housing”, 7 p.m.
8 Horse Royalty Contestant Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
13 Christopher T. Norman Memorial Scholarship Due
14 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
15 Honor Club Enrollment Deadline
15 “A” Grade Banquet Reservations Due
15 Ohio State Fair Scholarship Applications Due
16 Junior Fair Board, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
**Approval Process for New 4-H Volunteers**

All new 4-H volunteers must complete certain requirements to be approved to work with youth. The requirements include filling out an application, providing the names and addresses of 3 non-family references, having fingerprints submitted for a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) background check, attending a training session and participating in an interview.

Potential advisors begin the process by picking up a new volunteer packet from the Extension Office. The packet includes details about the process, how to get a BCI check and training dates.

Training sessions will be held on April 2 and May 11. Sessions are held in the basement meeting room of the County Administration Building from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The first hour is orientation for new volunteers. The second hour includes the annual child abuse recognition and reporting update required in OSU Policy 1.50. Current volunteers are invited to join the new volunteers from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to meet their requirement for 2020.

**New Cloverbud Advisors Need Special Training**

All new Cloverbud advisors must attend a training program. The program is designed to prepare advisors to work with kindergarten through 2nd grade members using the Cloverbud curriculum in a non-competitive, activity based environment.

PLEASE NOTE: New 4-H advisors planning to work with Cloverbuds must complete the new advisors approval process (detailed above) as well as participate in a Cloverbud advisor training program. Current advisors planning to switch to Cloverbuds must attend a Cloverbud training program, but do not need to repeat the approval process.

Cloverbud advisor training programs are scheduled for April 2 and May 11 from 5:30-6:00 p.m., prior to New Volunteer training in the basement meeting room of the County Administration Building.

**Mandatory Training for ALL Volunteers**

OSU Policy 1.50, aimed at protecting minors, requires annual training in identifying and reporting child abuse. The ANNUAL requirement affects all volunteers in the 4-H program (advisors, superintendents, etc.). Many volunteers have already attended training. However, many more still need to come. This is a mandatory training. You may not remain a 4-H volunteer if you do not attend. Several more trainings have been scheduled. If you have not attended, mark your calendar now: Saturday, March 21 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 2 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 11 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All trainings are held in the basement meeting room of the County Administration Building.

**2020 Advisor Enrollment Requirements**

Each volunteer must complete an enrollment form. The form is two-sided, with your enrollment information on the front and the volunteer standard of behavior on the back. REMINDER: Volunteer enrollment forms are completed during the mandatory OSU Policy 1.50 volunteer updates. No volunteer enrollment forms get turned in with member enrollment materials. Instead, each Organizational Advisor fills out a form that lists all of the advisors in that club. This takes the place of the Organizational Advisor signing the enrollment forms for advisors in that club.

All advisors should also fill out a health form to be filed with the member’s health forms and be accessible whenever the club meets. This provides the club with emergency information if something should happen to an advisor during a club meeting, event or activity.

**Volunteers MUST be Fingerprinted Every Four Years**

All 4-H volunteers (advisors, superintendents, adult camp staff) must be fingerprinted every four years. Those on the schedule for this year were informed in October, and were supposed to have fingerprinting completed by January 31. Those who have procrastinated must get their fingerprints taken or they cannot remain a 4-H volunteer.

**Enrollment Packets Ready and Waiting**

Some clubs still need to pick up their enrollment packet. The packet includes everything a club needs to reorganize for this year. An explanation sheet is included that tells how the items in the packet are to be distributed. The 4-H data base system does not create reenrollment forms. Everyone must fill out a blank form to enroll.

Members need to have access to fair requirements letters for all projects they are considering. The information in the requirements letters tells them what is required in Huron County to complete the project. This information is NOT included in the Family Guide or the project books. Information in our requirements letters supersedes what is printed in the project books.

Honor Club enrollment deadline is April 15. Final enrollment deadline is May 1. Livestock possession deadline is May 15, except for broilers.
2020 Club Enrollment Requirements
State requirements for all 4-H clubs in Ohio include:
- Adopting the constitution for 4-H clubs provided by the state and agreeing to be part of the OH 4-H General Exemption number. (All clubs have met this requirement).
- Filing a Financial Summary by January 31 each year. (Most clubs have turned in their required summary for 2019. The few stragglers must turn in the document before members will be entered in the database for their club in 2020).
- Completing and signing a Charter Checklist annually. (This form was included in club enrollment packets and should be turned in with member enrollment forms. We must have the completed checklist before entering members in the database for your club in 2020).
- File a 990N e-Postcard with the IRS. (This will be completed in the Extension Office).

4-H Member and Advisor Health History Forms
Using health forms is part of risk management for 4-H activities. Good risk management requires health forms for each member and advisor be on hand whenever the club meets. Cloverbud advisors should have Cloverbud member’s forms. Health information must be treated confidentially. Forms were included in club enrollment packets. Additional forms are available from the Extension Office. NOTE: The member’s health form requires a picture of the member. This is strictly for use in an emergency if the child disappears or something bad happens. Photos provide law enforcement with instant access to a picture to use in their investigation or to issue an Amber Alert.

Important Updates in Jan/Feb Clover Creations
In case you just scanned the last issue of Clover Creations, please take the time to review the following articles. They might impact your members and your club this year.
- Ohio 4-H Membership & Age Requirements
- Secretary and Treasurer Report Reminders
- Huron County 4-H Club & Member Rules
- Reminders for Volunteers
- Approved Changes for 4-H and Jr. Fair in 2020
- Huron Co. Livestock Judges Names Released

Project Book “Loanables” Updated for 2020
Amy has put together packets of all 4-H project books for clubs to use at meetings when members are deciding in which projects to enroll. Call Amy at the Extension office to reserve the Loanables. The books are in packets based on project areas. Clubs may borrow all or some of the packets. Having the actual project books to look at, along with a Fair Requirements Letter, helps members and parents make more informed project choices and increases the chance of a successful project venture.

4-H Membership Across County Lines Policy
The Ohio 4-H Membership Across County Lines policy contains some specific rules:
- Request forms must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the enrollment deadline in the county of request. (This means that requests for membership in Huron County must be received in the Extension Office by April 11)
- New requests cannot be granted because:
  - The camp or county fair schedule in the requested county better fits the youth’s school schedule or the family’s vacation plans.
  - If animal projects are involved, the animal is housed on someone else’s property in the other county. If this is the case, the 4-H member is encouraged to select an entirely different project.
- 4-H membership is based on the residence of the child, not the residence of the animal.

Youth must join 4-H in their county of residence, unless they receive special permission to join in another county. A form is available from the Extension Office or on our website for potential members who live in a neighboring county. The member (parent) fills out the form and turns it in at the Huron County Extension Office. Bonnie and the 4-H Educator from the county of residence discuss the reasons given and decide if the request is acceptable and if it should be granted. Decisions are based on what is best for the child. A member may NEVER belong to 4-H in more than one county. Check county of residence of new members.

Common situations or conditions which are acceptable:
- The school district the child attends is located across two counties. The child’s school friends may therefore be members in a county other than where the child resides.
- The county of residence does not offer the specific program being sought, such as shooting sports.
- The parents of a child are legally separated or no longer married to each other and live in two different counties. A request for membership in the county in which the 4-H project work will be completed is reasonable. Parents may be asked to provide court documentation which verifies custody agreements.

Approved requests remain in effect for the duration of a member’s 4-H years of eligibility.

Congratulations to 2019 Honor Clubs
The following clubs achieved Honor Club status in 2019: Busy Needles, Huron County Jr. Dairy, Lyme Producers, Richmond Mother’s Helpers, Ridgefield Country Kids and Ripley Nifty Needlers & Cookers, and Rumblin’ Riders. All Honor Clubs will be recognized at the “A” Grade Banquet and Top Honor Clubs will be announced.
Set a Club Goal to be an Honor Club in 2020
The Honor Club program recognizes clubs that have a well-rounded, effective club program. Points are awarded based on club performance in a variety of areas. A 2020 Honor Score Sheet was included in each club packet. Discuss with your club areas of strength and weakness based on the score sheet. Clubs must earn at least 85 out of 100 points to achieve Honor Club status. Target areas to improve and set a club goal to become an Honor Club in 2020!

The majority of your club enrollment sheets must be turned in by April 15 for Honor Club points. You may still add or drop members and add or drop projects prior to May 1 with no penalty. Points are also earned for turning in a copy of your club program for the year by May 1.

Ohio 4-H Project Central
Ohio 4-H Project Central is a useful tool to search for new and different projects to take, to learn about projects and what other people think about them, and to rate projects you have already taken and share your feedback. Go to www.ohio4h.org/projectcentral and check it out! We have Project Central bookmarks available for your members.

$5.00 Voluntary Membership Fee Very Important
Our County Commissioners support us by providing funds for us to continue operating. We do our best to be fiscally responsible. However, the $5.00 per member voluntary member fee or a lump sum donation from each club is still very important to maintain 4-H programming. Many counties charge a membership fee just to join 4-H. We do not want to do that!

As you set your budget for this year, please suggest making a donation to OSU Extension to your members. Remember, all motions to spend club money must be approved with a 2/3 majority vote.

County 4-H Fund Raiser is 4-H Shirts
The 4-H Committee is selling Huron County 4-H shirts for the county-wide fund raiser. The fund raiser features short-sleeved T-shirts and pull-over hoodies. The shirts are a medium gray with 4-H green print and a full chest design. T-shirts are $12.00 and hoodies are $25.00 (XXL is $2.00 more and XXXL is $4.00 more). Orders are being taken until May 1. Checks should be written to the club. Receipts should be attached to the deposit slip when money is deposited in the club account. EVERY time money is turned in. Copies of the receipts should be attached to the deposit slip when the money is deposited in the club account.

Revitalized “A” Grade Banquet Planned for 2020
The Annual Kiwanis “A” Grade banquet will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Expo Building at the fairgrounds. All 4-H members who received an “A” grade on any 4-H project and all 4-H advisors are invited as guests of the Norwalk Kiwanis Club. Parents, Cloverbuds, siblings and other guests are welcome to attend, but must pay the meal fee. Reservations are due by Wednesday, April 15. This is the 85th year the Kiwanians have recognized our members’ achievements.

The fun, modern approach to the banquet last year will be expanded upon this year.

Invitations will be mailed in March. Encourage your members and their families to attend. We are unique that the Kiwanians sponsor this banquet. Attendance has dropped in the past several years. We need to keep up the interest and keep the banquet going for another 85 years!

Sponsorship Opportunities for “A” Grade Banquet
The Norwalk Kiwanis Club will gladly accept donations toward the 85th Annual 4-H “A” Grade Banquet. Clubs, families and businesses are encouraged to support this unique event. Contributor levels are: Supporter – donation of $25-$49, Donor – donations of $50-$99, Sponsor – donations from $100-199 and Co-Sponsor – donation of $200 or more. Donations to the Norwalk Kiwanis Club should be sent to Norwalk Kiwanis, Attn: “A” Grade, PO Box 676, Norwalk, OH 44857 by March 10. If you cannot meet the deadline, send a note about how much the donation will be and when you will be sending the money. Indicate how the name should be listed in the program.

The Do’s and Don’ts of Fund Raising
- 4-H clubs cannot hold raffles, bingo games or games of chance.
- Keep fund raising to a minimum.
- Don’t hold a fund raiser just for the sake of raising money. Have plans for what the club will do with the money raised.
- Those who raise the money should benefit from the money. Follow through with plans every year.
- A receipt should be written to the member/family. EVERY time money is turned in. Copies of the receipts should be attached to the deposit slip when the money is deposited in the club account.
- Checks should be written to the club.
- Clubs CANNOT use money they raise to support any political cause.
- Clubs CANNOT purchase raffle, bingo or games of chance tickets.
- Clubs CANNOT give money directly to members.
  - Cannot give each member $20 to spend at the fair, but can vote to use club money for a pizza party at the fair for everyone.
  - The club can vote to purchase club shirts for all club members, but if a member declines the shirt, they cannot be given the value of the shirt in cash.
Nondiscrimination Policies in 4-H
National Policy Prohibits Discrimination: Since 4-H is a federally assisted program, all 4-H programs, activities, events and competitions must be nondiscriminatory according to federal law.

OSU Extension Nondiscrimination Policy: Huron County Extension embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that all research and related educational programs are available to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with United States Civil Rights Laws and the USDA.

Volunteer Insurance Coverage
All Extension volunteers, including 4-H advisors and Junior Fair Superintendents, have secondary liability coverage. Homeowners liability is the primary coverage. There is no health/accident coverage. The secondary liability coverage will be in effect as long as the incident in question was not due to the volunteer’s negligent behavior and is within the scope of their job description.

County Projects Not in the Family Guide to 4-H
Some projects are offered in Huron County, but are not in the Family Guide. These county projects are included in our project requirements and project order form:

- #150P – Pigeons
- #801 – Designing Outdoor Living Spaces
- #802 – Furniture & Woodwork Recycling
- #807 – Patched ‘N Pieced Pillow (Quilting I)
- #808 – Block by Block (Quilting II)
- #809 – Keepsake Quilt (Quilting III)
- #841 – Easy as Pie
- #842 – Sweet Treats
- #843 – Cookies, Cookies, Cookies
- #660 – Corn Production
- #661 – Small Grains Production
- #662 – Soybean Production
- #663 – Forages

Master projects in the Family Guide are not offered in Huron County. Neither are #135C – Companion-Pet Goats, #227 – Pet Rabbit, #150DM – Market Duck, #150GM – Market Goose, #150TE – Exhibition Turkey, #150H – Helmeted Guinea Fowl, and #750-#758 – Shooting Sports.

Operating a Food Stand or Conducting a Bake Sale
When operating a food stand:
- Secure licensing from the Health Department
- Follow acceptable food preparation and service guidelines (i.e. All food must be prepared on site.)
- Have a volunteer providing the primary leadership who is onsite for the entire event or activity.
- The person in charge must have completed the Safe Food Handling for Occasional Quantity Cook training and have a valid completion certificate.

When conducting a bake sale:
- A list of ingredients must be included on all items sold. Your members must know this in advance!
- Perishable items or items needing refrigeration may not be sold (eggs, milk, cream pies, pumpkin rolls, etc.)
- Cannot make dietary claims on items (i.e. cannot say “Gluten free”, “Sugar free”, “Nut free”)

Occasional Quantity Cook Training
Those needing training in Safe Food Handling for Occasional Quantity Cooks may be trained using online modules. Please note that certificates from previous training are only valid for three years. Those with invalid certificates must be retrained. Contact the Extension Office for details.

Easter Seals Balloon Day on April 25
Easter Seals Balloon Day will be held on April 25. Clubs get permission from a location and call the Extension Office to reserve the spot. Clubs set their own times for collections. Easter Seals provides balloons, sticks and banks. All donations benefit local Easter Seals activities. Alternate dates may be selected. All collections must be turned in by May 31.

Clubs Needed to Prepare Camp Conger for Mowing
This winter has left lots of sticks, limbs and debris strewn around 4-H Camp, as well as leaves that blew into piles last fall. Mowing season will be here soon. The Conger family needs help getting camp ready to mow. Contact the Extension Office or Conger’s to set up a time for your club to work at camp. It is a great community service project, helps your members become familiar with the camp, and works well for the entire family to participate.

Camp Work Day on Saturday, May 2
Camp Work Day will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Camp Conger. Entire clubs, individuals and families are invited to the annual Camp Conger Work Day to spruce up camp for the camping season. Bring cleaning supplies, brooms, buckets, wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, etc. There will be a potluck luncheon at noon. Table service provided. Club donations toward the luncheon gratefully accepted.
Self-Determined Project Rules
Members enrolling in a self-determined project must indicate on their enrollment sheet the topic they are planning to study. Any project area not available in the county may be taken as a self-determined project. A Project Plan (inserted in the project booklet) must be completed and turned in by May 15. Each plan will be reviewed to determine if it constitutes a legitimate learning experience not available through any other 4-H project. Self-determined projects may not be repeated without permission.

Enrolling Members in Beef, Goat & Poultry Projects
Members enrolling in Beef, Goat & Poultry projects need to list all areas in which they plan to exhibit on their enrollment forms. The enrollment codes are listed in the Livestock Fair Requirements letter. Each member needs one project book and only pays the $6.00 enrollment fee, regardless of how many areas within the project they are enrolling. Members must meet the requirements for each area listed on their enrollment form to be complete.

County 4-H Memorial Scholarship Deadlines
Members applying for the Christopher T. Norman Memorial Scholarship must submit their completed application to the Norman family by April 13. This scholarship is in memory of outstanding 4-H’er and Junior Fair King, Chris Norman, who died as a young adult from natural causes. The scholarship is open to all northwest Ohio counties and targets members planning to attend The Ohio State University, which was Chris’ alma mater.

By Loving Memory
Members must submit applications for the Kevin Zimmerman Memorial 4-H Scholarship by April 1 to the Zimmerman Family. This scholarship is in memory of 43 year 4-H advisor and 4-H youth advocate, Kevin Zimmerman. The scholarship is open to all Huron County 4-H members.

Applications are available from the Extension Office and are posted on our county website at www.huron.osu.edu.

Ohio 4-H Week Celebrated March 8-14
Conduct a club activity during Ohio 4-H Week. Be creative. We need to keep 4-H in the public eye! 4-H promotion is also worth Honor Club points!

Huron County at Ohio 4-H Conference
Huron County will be well-represented at the March 14 Ohio 4-H Conference.
- Eight volunteers will be attending.
- Seven older youth will be attending.
- Kris Simpson, Brandi Simpson, Rich Ruess and Bonnie Malone will be helping at the conference.
- Bonnie will be teaching.

The 4-H Cloverbud Program and Competition
Do you ever wonder why the 4-H Cloverbud program does not include competitive activities? It is all about being age appropriate and focusing on our overall goal of healthy development by advancing life skills. As a result, Cloverbuds are engaged in activities that are noncompetitive without setting up categories or classes that create inequities. Children of this age have a difficult time understanding winning and losing. Feeling and fact are often merged and especially when they lose they relate negative feelings to their self-worth. Competition is usually connected to external awards/approval and in these settings they begin to define themselves extrinsically, which is a weak foundation for their developing self-concepts. Cloverbuds in noncompetitive activities are more likely to develop confidence, creativity and competence than do children in competitive situations. Ohio has a strong Cloverbud program because it is based on the developmental level of the age group.

Nine Cloverbud Activity Kits Available
- The first five kits have many activities that relate to sections in The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities. There are enough activities for several meetings.
- “Connect to College” follows a hedgehog to college in a story designed to start our youngest members thinking about the possibility of college in the future.
- The “Choose & Tell Cards” are a colorful deck of 4”x6” cards to introduce Cloverbuds to public speaking and communication skills. There are 49 easy and engaging activities, divided into four difficulty levels. You must assemble some items listed on the cards.
- Clover Cubes are 12 small cardboard cubes with questions on each side, covering various topics. They are designed for small groups of Cloverbuds to roll a cube and answer the question that lands on top.
- Cloverbud Bingo is a variety of picture bingo games. The topics are Safety Signs; Bread & Cereal; Dairy Food; Meat, Beans & Eggs; Fruits; and Vegetables.

Contact the Extension Office and reserve a kit with Amy.

Don’t forget that the Cloverbud website contains a plethora of information and activities. Check it out at www.go.osu.edu/cbc.
Advisor's Conferences Important
Two county-wide conferences are held for advisors. All clubs need to be represented at both conferences.
- Advisor’s Conference on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the County Administration Building. Important information will be shared and multiple papers for members will be distributed.
- Advisor’s Fair Update on Monday, May 4 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Norwalk Middle School, in conjunction with the Officer’s Conference. Learn first-hand changes in the Junior Fair for 2020.

4-H Officer’s Training Conference on May 4
The annual Officer’s Training Conference will be held on Monday, May 4 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Norwalk Middle School. All officers will be trained in fulfilling the duties of their office and attend an additional educational activity.

Video Officer Training Opportunity Online
New officer training videos are available for all officers on the state 4-H website (www.ohihood.org) under “Families”. Click on “Members” and “Officer Resources”. Officers who are already elected may want to view the videos now.

Ohio 4-H Volunteer Handbook Available Online
The Ohio 4-H Volunteer Handbook is online at www.go.osu.edu/4-Hvolunteerhandbook. Please note that the address is case sensitive and requires a capital “H”. The book may be viewed online (with live links) or printed. It contains a wealth of information for 4-H volunteers. Click on the picture of the handbook to view the content.

Parliamentary Procedure Pocket Guide
The Parliamentary Procedure Pocket Guide is a full-color resource that puts basic information about planning and conducting meetings at the members’ fingertips. The price is $6.00 for a single copy or $23.00 for a set of five.

4-H Committee Membership
The Huron County 4-H Committee is our county 4-H advisory group. They support and help improve our county program. Membership is comprised of eight 4-H advisors and four youth representatives.

Four advisors are elected each year at the Advisor’s Conference for two-year staggered terms. Members elected last year include Andrea Dalton, Brenda Friend, Robyn Rogers and Brandi Simpson. Advisors whose terms are ending this year are Brenda Bond, Lilly Hansberger, Linda Linder and Laurie Ruess. ALL advisors are welcome and encouraged to run for 4-H Committee.
Four older youth are selected each year from applications as 4-H Committee members. The youth representatives for 2020 are Colton White, Madi Lawson, Jenna Rathburn & Reganne Wilson.

Huron County 4-H Photography Clinic on April 1
A clinic for all 4-H photographers will be held on Wednesday, April 1 in the basement meeting room of the County Administration Building. The clinic will be hands on, with the opportunity to use your camera during the clinic. Parents, guardians, project helpers and advisors are encouraged to attend. Bring your project book. There will be ample time for questions. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring cameras.

Floriculture Clinic Mandatory for Beginners
A floriculture clinic will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Fairfield United Methodist Church. The church is located on State Route 162 on the west side of town. This clinic is mandatory for all 1st year floriculture exhibitors! Parents, other interested members & advisors should also attend.

2020 Huron County 4-H Resident Camps
Our camp counselors have been busy preparing for camp this summer since December. We are hoping for great turnout from our members!

- Intermediate Camp (for members in grades 6, 7 & 8) will be held on June 9-12. The camp theme is “Wild Wild Conger”. Their groups will be called Cowboys, Miners, Outlaws & Rangers.
- Junior Camp (for members in grades 3, 4 & 5) will be June 15-18. Bull Riders, Cowboys, Ropers & Wranglers will be the groups at “Conger Rodeo”.

Cloverbud Fun Day will be held at Camp Conger the day after Junior Camp ends. It will be Friday, June 19. The theme is “Exploring New Adventures”.

Junior Fair Award Sponsors Needed
Many 4-H clubs sponsor awards for the Junior Fair. Most Jr. Fair awards cost $15.00. If your club currently sponsors, please have them vote (using 2/3 majority) to continue the sponsorship in 2020. If your club does not currently sponsor, please ask your club members if they are willing to sponsor. Make sure they vote (using 2/3 majority) and let Amy know. We are working on a list of awards still needing sponsors in 2020, and we always need additional sponsors at fair time.

Reminder of 4-H Membership Age & Grade Policy
The age to begin Cloverbuds is 5 and in kindergarten as of January 1. Regular membership begins when a member is 8 and in the third grade as of January 1, unless they are 9 years old. Any member age 9 or above on January 1 is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership ends the year a member turns 19. (A member may turn 19 anytime during the year and remain a member. However, when they are 19 on December 31 they cannot join again.)
Shooting Sports Instructor Workshops in 2020

Shooting Sports is a dynamic 4-H program led by certified 4-H instructors. The program offers disciplines in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol, muzzleloading, living history, western heritage, cowboy action, and hunting & wildlife. Counties may only offer disciplines in which they have 4-H certified instructors. Huron County does not have any active certified instructors and therefore does not offer shooting sports. Members interested in shooting sports (beyond Safe Use of Guns and Basic Archery) must participate in a neighboring county.

There are two state-wide Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshops scheduled in 2020. Successful completion of a workshop is required to become a 4-H certified shooting sports instructor. Participants may only receive certification in one discipline at each workshop.

Contact the Extension Office for additional information about 4-H Shooting Sports or becoming certified. All workshop participants must already be approved 4-H volunteers. Instructor training workshops will be held on April 24-26 (registration deadline March 23) and October 23-25 (registration deadline September 26). Both workshops will be held at Canter’s Cave 4-H Camp in southern Ohio at a cost of $95.00 per person.

Ohio State Fair Scholarship Applications Due April 15

In an effort to recognize outstanding Ohio youth and to help those interested in furthering their education, the Ohio Expositions Commission has established a scholarship program. Scholarships will be awarded to junior exhibitors during the Ohio State Fair. Applications will be judged on scholastic standing, citizenship & leadership, Ohio State Fair participation, county fair participation, and financial need.

Applications are available from the Extension Office or on the Ohio State Fair website. Completed applications must be postmarked by April 15.

State-wide Opportunities

- Collegiate 4-H Plowboy Prom on March 14
- Preservation of Honey Bees Essay Contest deadline March 23
- Ohio 4-H Sea Camp on Kelleys Island July 11-14. Registration deadline May 22

Contact the Extension Office for details about these outstanding opportunities.

Horse Council Reaching Out to Others in 4-H

- The Royalty Committee would pay a 4-H sewing member or advisor to make their 2020 sashes, instead of ordering them from a catalog.
- They have a free-standing movie screen they will gladly loan to 4-H clubs.

Proper Record Keeping for 4-H Clubs

Following are some reminders of protocol for 4-H clubs:

1. It is important that there are official minutes for EVERY meeting. Advisors should keep back-up records for the secretary. If the secretary is absent, another member should fill in.
2. The secretary’s report should be read, corrected (if needed) and approved at the next meeting.
3. A treasurer’s report should be given at every meeting and recorded in the secretary’s minutes.
4. The treasurer’s report should follow this format:
   a. Beginning Balance (ending balance from previous meeting)
   b. Income since the last report (dues or book fees turned in at the last meeting, fund raising since the last meeting, etc.)
   c. Expenses (approved or paid since the last meeting)
   d. Ending Balance (Beginning Balance + Income – Expenses = Ending Balance)
   e. The report should detail the income and expenses.
   f. It should be possible to reconstruct the treasurer’s records from the secretary’s minutes
5. All decisions made by the club require a motion, second and passing vote recorded in the minutes.
6. If the motion involves spending club money, it must be approved by a 2/3 majority of members at the meeting. The vote must be a countable vote and the actual count must be recorded in the minutes.
7. The club needs a Financial Review Committee to review the club treasury records before the new treasurer takes over. The committee should be two members and two advisors from at least two different families. Neither the treasurer nor any account signatories should be on the committee. The committee fills out the Yearly Audit Certificate at the back of last year’s treasurer’s book. They then report their findings at the next club meeting. Make sure the secretary records the report in the minutes.
8. The treasurer should keep a running total of the treasury in the Record of Club Finances sheets, as well as filling out a Treasurer’s Report page for each meeting.

Great Garage Sale for New Horse Barn on April 18

Huron County Horse Council has organized the 2nd Annual Great Garage Sale to raise funds toward building a new horse barn. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Commercial Building at the fairgrounds. Support the “Build the Barn” campaign by shopping at The Great Garage Sale!

Spaces (approximately 10’x10’) may be rented for $20, plus one item donated to the “Build the Barn” booth. Contact the Extension Office for more information.
Summit Motorsports Park Group Fundraising

Every year Summit Motorsports Park works with local groups to raise funds for various projects. The program works by signing up groups to work specified events. In return Summit Motorsports Park then makes a donation back to the group equivalent to each worker’s time X $6.00 per hour. They are currently seeking groups to help with cleanup of the grandstands for the following events:

Summit Racing Equipment NHRA Nationals
Friday June 26, 2020 8:45pm - 1:00am
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people
Saturday June 27, 2020 6:30pm - 10:30pm
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people
Sunday June 28, 2020 4:30pm - 8:30pm
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people

43rd Annual Kelly Services Inc. Night Under Fire
Saturday Aug 8, 2020 9:00pm - 1:00am
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people
Sunday Aug 9, 2020 10:00am – 2:00pm
30 positions 2-3 groups of 10-15 people

Street Outlaws No Prep Kings
Friday, Oct 2, 2020 10:00pm – 1:00am
15 positions 1 group of 10-15 people
Saturday, Oct 3, 2020 9:00am – 2:00pm
15 positions 1 group of 10-15 people

Contact Craig Wenninger or Norma Schafer at 419-668-1600 or by email at cwenninger@summitmotorsportspark.com or nschafer@summitmotorsportspark.com.

Livestock Show Clothing and Tack Sale May 16

Do you have a box of show clothes your kids have outgrown? Do you have tack from a species they no longer show? Are you in need of show clothes and tack for the fair? If so, we have a great opportunity for you!

There will be a Livestock Show Clothing and Tack Sale on Saturday, May 16 in the Cloverbud display area at the fairgrounds from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The sale was scheduled for your convenience during tagging day at the fairgrounds.

Stop by to shop or buy a table spot to sell your own items. Spaces are only $5.00, with the proceeds being donated to Huron County 4-H Camp Conger. Contact Billie Welter at (419) 681-4166 for more information or to rent a table.

State Fair Camping Reservations Begin in May

Reservations for camping at the state fair begin in early May. Last year’s opening date was May 3. The start date for 2020 has not been posted. Check out details on the state fair website at https://ohiostatefair.com/camping/.

Pullorum Testing Suspended for 2020

Due to a shortage of testing antigen, requirements for proof of Pullorum-free status have been suspended for all exhibition poultry in 2020.

Ractopamine (Paylean) Update for Hogs at the Fair

The pork industry is moving to a ractopamine (Paylean) free industry. Most major pork packers, including Routh Packing, are transitioning to only accepting ractopamine free hogs. Packer decisions to remove ractopamine fed pigs from their supply chain primarily reflects restrictions placed on pork destined for export markets.

During the Senior Fair Board meeting on February 6, the Board voted to allow hogs fed ractopamine to be exhibited at our fair. As a result of this decision, Huron County Fair swine are now partial terminal. This means that all hogs will remain the property of the exhibitor, except for the Overall Grand & Reserve Champions. The Overall Champions will remain terminal, by state mandate.

Each exhibitor will be responsible for determining the destination of and the removal of their own hogs from the fair. There will not be a packer truck or trailer on which to load hogs. Hogs will be eligible for a premium bid during the Large Livestock Sale on Saturday, but there will be no market bid.

Details on how this new system will work are still being figured out. Information will be shared as it is finalized and approved. This is a one-year decision. It will be re-evaluated in the future.

Barrow Carcass Applications Due March 25

All experienced swine exhibitors will be receiving information about the Barrow Carcass program. Interested members must turn in a completed application by March 25. All ages are eligible and up to 40 participants will be selected. Members in the carcass program may submit information on six hogs by May 16. Carcass hogs do not have to be specifically identified until weigh-in at the fair.

Huron County Livestock Clinics in April

All clinics, except swine, will be held in the basement meeting room of the Huron Co. Administration Building.
1. Raising, Housing and Breeds of Rabbits will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Beginners Swine Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the west end of the Swine Barn on the fairgrounds at noon. Hog exhibitors and their parents in their first two years of exhibiting hogs should attend.
3. Goat Informational Clinic will be held on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Participants will learn about showing dairy, Pygmy, fiber and recreation goats in Huron County. Meat goats (Boer-type) are not included.
4. Rabbit Health will be the topic of the clinic held on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoonotic Disease Risk & Prevention Skillathon Kit

Zoonotic diseases affect both animals and humans. We have a skillathon kit focused on Zoonotic Disease Risk & Prevention. The kit may be borrowed for club meetings or other events. Contact the Extension Office to reserve the kit.

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Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) Training for 2020

All Junior Fair Livestock exhibitors, except those only with horses or breeding rabbits, must be certified in QA to exhibit livestock at the fair. Each exhibitor must attend a training session or test out of the program. See QA information on page 27 of the Livestock Fair Requirements Letter. Sessions being offered in Huron County include:

- Sunday, March 8 from 2-3 p.m. at St. Alphonsus
- Tuesday, March 31 from 7-8 p.m. at New London High School
- Sunday, April 19 from 6-7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Prairie Road in Lyme Township
- Tuesday, April 28 from 7-8 p.m. at Western Reserve High School
- Thursday, May 7 from 7-8 p.m. at Willard High School
- Wednesday, May 20 from 7-8 p.m. at South Central High School
- Tuesday, May 26 from 7-8 p.m. at the County Administration Building (Final for state fair).
- Monday, June 29 from 7-8 p.m. at the County Administration Building

Scrapie Identification Requirements

Every sheep and goat exhibited at the fair must have proper scrapie identification. Scrapie ID numbers trace the animal back to where it was born. The breeder should identify animals before they leave their premises. Please remind your members who are purchasing sheep or goats of this requirement. It is much easier to have a breeder identify an animal when it is picked up, rather than having to go back later. Information about scrapie and scrapie ID requirements are stapled in each sheep and goat project & record book.

Project Enrollment for Showing Animals at State Fair

4-H members must be enrolled in their county in the project in which they enter to show at the Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Shows (including poultry, rabbits, and dogs), regardless of whether that project is offered for county exhibition. For example:

1. To show in a gilt class at the Ohio State Fair, youth must be enrolled in project 140 Swine Breeding Project.
2. To show a dairy feeder at the Ohio State Fair, youth must be enrolled in project 117DF Dairy Beef Feeder.
3. To show breeding poultry (chickens) at the Ohio State Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in project 150CE Exhibition Chickens; to show breeding poultry (ducks), they must be enrolled in project 150DE Exhibition Ducks.
4. To show a dog in agility at the Ohio State Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in project 201P Performance; to show the same dog in obedience, project 201O.

Reminder of 45 day Quality Assurance (QA) rule: Members planning to exhibit livestock at the Ohio State Fair must complete QA training not less than 45 days prior to the opening day of the state fair, (or earlier, if they show prior to opening day).

State Youth Poultry Clinic in Wooster

The annual Youth Poultry Clinic will be held in Wooster at AT1 on Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The clinic will cover a variety of poultry topics, as well as quality assurance. Registration is $20 per youth and $25 per adult. Registration is due by April 1. Space is limited. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Everything Fowl Clinic at Lorain County Fairgrounds

Everything Fowl Clinic will be held on Monday, April 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Wellington. Dr. Tim McDermott, DVM will be providing poultry information regarding where to find your birds, proper housing & feeding, biosecurity measures and backyard production practices. There is no charge, but the number attending should be shared with their 4-H Educator, Julie Mackey, at mackey.181@osu.edu.

Mandatory Meeting for All Dog Project Members

All members enrolled in a dog project must attend a mandatory meeting on Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the FCS Building at the fairgrounds. This meeting is for any member taking #200 - All About Dogs, #201 – Dog Project & Record Book, or #202 – Dog Achievement Program. The meeting will explain dog project requirements, select topics for dog workshops and show day guidelines. Please bring your own chair. Make sure members are aware of the meeting and that they bring a 4-H Dog Project Requirements letter with them.

Dog Workshops Replace Practice Sessions

Four Dog Workshops will replace weekly practice sessions. Workshop topics will be selected at the Dog Project Meeting on May 17. Workshops will be held Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the FCS Building on June 7, June 14, June 28 & July 12.

Ohio Beef Expo on March 20-22 at State Fair

Contact the Extension Office for more information.

1. BEST Junior Show – Showmanship on March 21 and the Junior Show on March 22.
2. Livestock Judging Contest – Friday, March 20. Jr, Sr, Team & Individual awards. Registration by March 9 is $15.00 per participant.

Special Feeder Calf Online Auction on April 4

An online feeder calf auction will offer a select group of Holstein, dairy cross and beef feeders on April 4 at 2:00 p.m. Open House will be held on March 28 from noon-4 p.m. and on April 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Roger Hunker at (419) 217-2828 or (419) 217-4081 for information or to register to bid. A flyer is available from the Extension Office.

Lamb & Goat Show Clinic & Board Sale on April 5

A lamb & goat show clinic and board sale featuring Crawford County born animals will be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds on April 5 from 1-4 p.m. A flyer is available from the Extension Office.
State Dairy Events in March and April
Contact the Extension Office for more information.
1. Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Contest – Thursday, March 26 in conjunction with Spring Dairy Expo at the state fairgrounds. $10 registration fee per person due March 16.
2. Dairy Palooza – Saturday, April 25 at the Canfield Fairgrounds. Designed to give dairy youth, Cloverbud & adult programs included, an opportunity to put to use the skills they learn through their projects and to learn new skills they can use both in their project and in the dairy industry. $6 pre-registration is due April 4. $10 late or walk-in registration.

Equine Affaire in Columbus on April 2 - 5
Equine Affaire is a premiere equine exposition and equestrian gathering. It will be held at the Ohio Expo Center (state fairgrounds) on April 2-5. Visit www.equineaffaire.com for information. Brochures are available from the Extension Office.

OSU Junior Swine Day on March 28
OSU Junior Swine Day will be held on Saturday, March 28 at OSU Columbus or OSU ATI Wooster from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration fee is $15 per person and is due by March 20. Registration is limited. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Two Programs to Help Youth Start Raising Sheep
The Ohio Corriedale Club and the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival both have essay contests to help youth start their own flock. Contact the Extension Office for rules and information. Deadlines are March 25 and April 1.

Important Changes for Market Hogs at the State Fair
1. The Ohio State Fair market hog show will be ractopamine free in 2020. Tentative plans are to require signed affidavits from the producer that raised the pig and the parent/legal guardian of the exhibitor. The affidavits will be for “Never Fed Ractopamine Hydrochloride (Beta Agonist) to Swine”. Fact sheets titled “A Ractopamine-Free Swine Project” are available from the Extension Office.
2. Youth entering a market hog project at the Ohio State Fair will be required to have a parent/guardian certified in PQA (Pork Quality Assurance). PQA certification number will be required when making the online entry (deadline June 20). Parents/guardians may be certified by attending an in-person PQA session or an online certification program. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Livestock Information Available on State 4-H Website
Information on livestock projects, is on the state 4-H website at www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences. There are sections for Companion Animals, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Horse, Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit, Ohio State Fair Skillathon Information, Ohio 4-H PetPALS, and Ohio 4-H Meats Judging. Each section contains a Calendar of Events and Resources.

State Fair livestock rules and entry information may be found at www.ohiostatefair.com under “Competitions”. 2020 information should be posted sometime in March. Entry deadline for Junior Livestock shows is June 20. Entries must be made online. The Extension Office must confirm that each entrant is a member in good standing and that they are enrolled in each project area they entered.

No Show Lamb Show  A No Show Lamb Show will be held on Sunday, April 26 in the OSU Animal Science Building on The Ohio State University Columbus campus. The show is conducted by the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association LEAD Council. The event is open to youth, parents and other adults. The educational event features a wide variety of sheep-related topics. Contact the Extension Office for more information.
Youth development is the natural process of developing one’s capacities. While it occurs through the youth’s daily experiences with people, places and possibilities, it is far too important to be left to chance.

Positive youth development occurs from an intentional process that promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, relationships and the support to fully participate. Youth development takes place in families, peer groups, schools, neighborhoods and communities.

4-H Youth Development programs provide just such opportunities, relationships, and support for youth to help them acquire the life skills necessary to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood. 4-H Youth Development uses experiential, research-based educational opportunities that help youth become competent, caring, confident, connected and contributing citizens of character.