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Clover Communicator

The latest news and information for the Lorain County 4-H Community.

November/December 2019

Welcome to the Clover Communicator! It is our goal to provide timely, accurate information regarding all things 4-H to you. This electronic newsletter platform will assist our office in achieving this goal. We are interested in your feedback! Please, let us know how we may improve the look and user friendliness of our newsletter. Simply click on the link below to send us a comment. Thank you for assisting us in creating a communication system that works for all!

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NOVEMBER

- 1 Jr. Camp/Cloverbud Camp Counselor Applications Due (AC)
- 5 Friends of Lorain Co. Jr. Fair (FC) 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Dog Council (AC) 7:00 p.m.
- 9 4-H CARTEENS (AC) 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Holiday– Extension Office Closed
- 12 Sr. Fair Board (FG) 7:30 p.m.
- 19 FCS Committee (AC) 6:30 p.m.
- 19 SESP Council (AC) 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Advisory Committee (AC) 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Endowment Board (AC) 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Saddle Horse Council (AC) 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Shooting Sports Council (AC) 6:30 p.m.
- 28-29 Holiday – Extension Office Closed
- 29 Jr. Fair Board 2020 Application Due

DECEMBER

- 7 Market Beef Weigh-in & Tagging (FG)
- 7 CARTEENS (AC) 9 am
- 19 CARTEENS (AC) 5:30 pm
- 24-25 Holiday – Extension Office Closed

[Click here](#) to view the tentative 2020 4-H Calendar

Notes from Jacki

Gratitude. According to the Oxford dictionary, the word gratitude means "the quality of being thankful, readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness". With gratitude, people acknowledge the goodness in their lives. In

the process, people usually recognize that the source of that goodness lies at least partially outside themselves. As a result, gratitude also helps people connect to something larger than themselves as individuals, providing that sense of belonging. In my research regarding gratitude, I came across a mental health letter from Harvard Medical School- *In Praise of Gratitude*. This letter highlights several studies conducted on gratefulness. One study asked participants to write a few sentences each week, focusing on particular topics. One group wrote about things they were grateful for, another wrote about daily irritations, and a third group wrote about events that had affected them- no instructions regarding good or bad. Results of this study found that those that wrote about gratitude were more optimistic, felt better about their lives, exercised more and had fewer visits to the doctor compared to the group that focused on agitations. This article goes on to give examples from other studies and the results were all very similar- expressing gratitude increases happiness.

Gratitude is what I feel for each of you. Gratitude is what our 1200+ 4-H community club members feel towards our 4-H parents and volunteers. This wonderful 4-H program we have here in Lorain County is all thanks to the endless hours each has contributed. Providing our youth with opportunities to learn life skills through hands-on learning in a safe environment builds the critical foundation necessary for success in life.

The month of November is a great time for us all to reflect on gratitude. Let's all show gratitude for our past, present and future. Let's recognize our rich 4-H history and the many volunteers that gave of themselves, their time, and talent. Let us be grateful for the present, allowing all of us to come together through the 4-H program here in Lorain County. Let us be thankful for the future, to continue to grow our program and make a difference in the lives of

our youth. I challenge each of you to practice gratitude each day.

Headline News

Lorain County 4-H Organizational Chart



Did you know that each and every 4-H family has access to project resources for dog, family and consumer science, saddle horse, shooting sports and small equine small pony projects? These councils meet monthly and all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

4-H Advisory

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

A big THANK YOU to all those involved in this year's annual volunteer recognition banquet! And a big Congratulations to all of this year's award winners!

Meritorious Service Award Winner- Julie Mackey

Alumni Award Winner- Brenda Teeters

Service Award Winners

5 Years

Gail Bealer
Skye Ford
Allison LiBengood
Madison Bremke
Lorene Gillespie
Brittany Mills
Jennifer Broud
Eric Gnant
Marcy Novak
Candace Buchannon
Michelle Hawke
Lindsay Sumskis
Amanda Davis
Aimee Kenska
Meridith Teehan
Emily Edwards
Megan Kyser

10 YEARS

Amy Calfo
Jessika Fye
Peter Calfo
Scott Hamker

15 YEARS

Nicole Claubaugh
Laura Smirz
Timothy Smith
Suzanne Dunwoodie
Amy Smith

20 YEARS

Patti Brubaker
Julie Moffit
Jennifer Sedlak
Andrea Cuson
Joseph Pojman

William Wilkins
Karen Edwards

Kyle VonKamp
Matthew Klingshirn
Krista Saylor

20 YEARS

Patti Brubaker
Julie Moffit
Jennifer Sedlak
Andrea Cuson
Joseph Pojman
Kyle VonKamp
Matthew Klingshirn
Krista Saylor

30 YEARS

Suzanne Malik
Dan Messaros
Becky McDonnell
Ted Younglas

50 YEARS

Thomas Eppley

25 YEARS

Shirley Brandt
Ruth Davis
Jeff Gott

Banner Club Awards

1 st Year	Infinity 4-H Club - Silver
2 nd Year	Helping Hands - Emerald
3 rd Year	Forward Bound – Emerald
9 th Year	Pitchfork Pals - Gold
15 th Year	Four Leaf Clovers – Emerald
18 th Year	Elyria Precious Pups & Projects - Emerald
18 th Year	Lorain County 4-H Shooting Sports – Emerald

23 rd Year	Amherst Critters & Such – Gold
24 th Year	Another 4-H Club – Emerald
26 th Year	Elyria Family of 4-H'ers - Emerald
27 th Year	4-H Homegrowers - Emerald
27 th Year	North Ridgeville Ridge Kids –Emerald
29 th Year	Saddle-Lites – Emerald
32 nd Year	Brownhelm Perfection & B.B.'s – Emerald
35 th Year	Penfield Partners – Emerald

4-H Endowment

Annual Endowment Dinner & Auction

Please be sure to mark your calendars for March 21, 2020 for this year's annual endowment dinner and auction. All 4-H clubs and families are encouraged to support this fun evening through event promotion, donations of auction gift baskets, and table sponsorship. Please be looking for more details in the next Clover Communicator.

4-H FCS Committee

Save the Date

Interested in learning more about food and nutrition projects? Then mark your calendars for Saturday, February 1st. FCS committee will be hosting a project open house from 1 to 3 at the Extension Office. Participants will have the opportunity for hands-on learning about each of the 4-H cooking projects. This event is welcome to all 4-H'ers, parents, advisors, and future 4-H families.

4-H Club News

End of Year Reports

It is that time of year to begin turning in your 2019 required reports. The following are due no later than January 31, 2020:

- 2019 Financial Summary
- Projected 2019 Club Activities
- Club inventory List
- 4-H Club Information Survey

These items may be found on our Lorain County 4-H website or by clicking [here](#). Please note, the projected activities MAY be in a different format- bullet list by month, calendar, etc. We understand that you may be adding more items as you begin your program planning with the club membership. Please be sure to turn in your updated club calendar with your Charter checklist due at enrollment. We encourage you to submit the end-of-year reports before the deadline. **Enrollment packets will not be released until all end-of-year reports are submitted.**

Volunteer Recruitment

It is a privilege and responsibility to be a Lorain Co. 4-H volunteer. We take the safety of our youth and integrity of our program very seriously. Thus, we have

quite a stringent process to become an official 4-H volunteer. This process includes:

- Application
- BCI Fingerprint background check
- Reference Check
- Interview

Once a volunteer has completed this process and been accepted, they are provided a new volunteer training including 4-H Basics, Child Safety 2.0 and an overview of Lorain County 4-H. Additional training may be required based on the individual's volunteer job description.

Share your News!

What is your club doing? We want to know! One of the best ways to get new ideas is to share with others. If you are interested in submitting an article for the Clover Communicator, please send to Jacki by the 15th of the month at the link below.

[Article Submission](#)

Upcoming Events

**LORAIN COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS FOR 2020 FAIR SEASON!**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

All programs will be held at the
New Russia Township Lodge
46300 Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin

This program is open to all exhibitors, parents and advisors

NOTE: THERE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE NO TEST-OUT OPTION FOR 2020.
EVERYONE MUST ATTEND A QUALITY ASSURANCE SESSION IN 2020.

All Junior Fair exhibitors of finished market beef, market lambs, market hogs, market goats, lactating dairy cattle, lactating dairy goats, turkeys, meat rabbits, meat chickens and meat ducks MUST annually attend an entire mandatory quality assurance education program (one evening session) in Lorain County put on by the LORAIN COUNTY Quality Assurance Team by May 27, 2020, in order to show any of these designated animals in Junior Fair.

May NOT be more than 10 minutes late or session will NOT be counted! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR; NO OTHER SESSIONS WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE 2020 FAIR SEASON. No make-up sessions will be given.



Volunteer Training Opportunities

Returning Volunteers

Every year ALL returning Lorain County 4-H volunteers are required to complete two hours of volunteer training. Child Abuse Awareness Policy 1.50 must be a part of these two hours.

New Volunteers

All new volunteers are required to complete Child Abuse Awareness Policy 1.50 training and a New Volunteer Orientation (NVO). This is a standardized training from Ohio 4-H to provide the information and resources all new volunteers may need to complete their role as a 4-H volunteer.

All Volunteers

Below is the schedule of training for Lorain County and surrounding counties. If you attend a training outside of Lorain County please be sure to e-mail Jacki Baca AND be sure to sign the sign-in sheet at the hosting county. This will ensure that our office receives the necessary documentation of training attendance for your volunteer file.

2020 Lorain County 4-H Volunteer Training Schedule

New volunteers MUST attend a New Volunteer Orientation (NVO).
 Returning volunteers MUST attend two hours of training
 ALL volunteers MUST attend the Child Abuse Awareness Policy 1.50
 All training hours must be completed by the enrollment deadline- April 15, 2020

Training	Date	Time	Location	Topic
New Volunteer Orientation	12/11/19	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Ag Center	NVO, Policy 1.50
Volunteer Update	1/16/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Ag Center	
Area Volunteer Training	1/30/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Geauga County	NVO, Policy 1.50, Variety of Topics
Volunteer Update	2/3/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	New Russia Township Lodge	
Area Volunteer Training	2/22/20	TBA	TBA	NVO, Policy 1.50, Variety of Topics
Area Volunteer Training	2/26/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Lake County	NVO, Policy 1.50, Variety of Topics
Volunteer Update	3/5/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	New Russia Township Lodge	
Volunteer Update	3/25/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	New Russia Township Lodge	
Area Volunteer Training	4/4/20	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Ashtabula County	NVO, Policy 1.50, Variety of Topics
New Volunteer Orientation	4/7/20		Ag Center	NVO, Policy 1.50



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Ohio 4-H Volunteer and Teen Conference

The Ohio 4-H Conference will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center March 14, 2020.

This is the largest gathering of 4-H volunteers in the United States! Nearly 1,500 teen and adult volunteers participate each year. The Ohio 4-H Conference is designed to equip participants with resources, information, and skills to meet the ever-changing needs of youth. Attendees have the opportunity to receive training in more than 125 different topics such as career exploration, risk management, camping, leadership, cake decorating, dancing, animal sciences, and much more.

In addition to the educational sessions, the day features the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon highlighting the extraordinary accomplishments of volunteers. The teens (age 13 and older) have a luncheon that recognizes their peers and often features a keynote speaker.

Need some 4-H bling? We have that too! Our MarketPlace features a variety of 4-H items, including apparel, to purchase. Representatives are available to speak to you about fundraising opportunities for 4-H clubs, project books, and more. Click [here](#) if you would like to be a MarketPlace vendor.

Registration materials will be available soon! Be sure to look for this information in the January Clover Communicator.

Come join the fun at the Ohio 4-H Conference!



Mark your calendars for this year's camp dates!!

Cloverbud Day Camp

June 16 & 17, 2020

New Russia Township Lodge

Junior Camp

July 6-10, 2020

Erie County 4-H Camp on Kelleys Island

4-H Teen Leadership Opportunities

4-H offers a wide variety of opportunities for teens to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for adult success. The beginning point for teens to become involved in all 4-H opportunities is through local 4-H clubs. Through these clubs, they have the opportunity to participate in activities that could include projects designed especially for teens, community service and citizenship activities. After that there are many leadership opportunities at the county and state levels including numerous boards, committees, and camping opportunities. For more information regarding any of the opportunities below click on the blue link.

County Opportunities include:

- [STEM](#)
- [CARTEENS](#)
- Camp Counselor
- Junior Fair Bard

State Opportunities include:

- [Ohio 4-H Teen Conference](#)
- 4-H Event Youth Assistant-*Applications due by May 15* [word](#) \ [pdf](#) (was new in 2018!)
- [Citizenship Washington Focus](#)
- [Leadership Washington Focus](#)
- [Collegiate 4-H at The Ohio State University](#)
- [Awards and Scholarships](#)
- [CARTEENS](#)
- [State Fashion Board](#)
- [Teen Leadership Council](#)
- [Teen Connections](#)

[International Opportunities](#) include:

- Japan
 - Costa Rica
 - Norway
 - Romania
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Lorain Co. Jr. Fair

Jr. Fair Board Needs You!!

Jr. Fair Board Members Needed!

You have all seen them, those hardworking, fun loving teens that seem to be at every show, judging, and fair activity. You know who I am talking about, the 4-H'ers and FFA members that are hard at work assisting with setting up shows, auction rings, and waiting to answer your questions at the Jr. Fair office. Leadership, teamwork, social relationships, management and problem solving are just a few of the skills that Jr. Fairboard members have opportunity to learn and apply! Is this job a lot of work- yes! Is this job a lot of fun- yes!

We would love for all youth to apply for the 2020 Jr. Fair Board. To get a better idea of exactly what this commitment requires, visit a past board member, advisor, or adult consultant.

[Click here](#) to view and download the Jr. Fair Board application. Deadline to apply is Friday, November 29th, 3:00 p.m. to the Sr. Fair Board office.

Jr. Fair Board Adult Consultants Needed!

Each department of the Lorain County Junior Fair Board has an adult consultant to assist the junior fair board members with planning and executing the junior fair. There are several meetings per year and of course helping during the fair is a must! Anyone interested in seeking a one-year consultant assignment must complete the [JFB Adult Consultant application](#) and mail to:

Sherry Nickles, Lorain County Junior Fair 23000 Fairgrounds Road Wellington,
OH 44090 Deadline to apply is February 1st.

Lorain County Fair
175th Anniversary
August 24 – 30, 2020



2020 Jr. Fair Theme

Blue Jeans & Country Dreams

Congratulations to our 2020 Jr. Fair Board Officers

President: Cori Aviles

Vice President: Frank Krupka

Secretary: Jenna Calfo

Treasurer: Delany Adams

Exec Members: Steven Jessel, Anna Shearer,
Keith Cornwell and Kaitlyn Konicek

Attention 2020 Steer Project Members

All market beef animals (this includes finished market beef, steers and heifers) must be weighed and tagged by the Jr. Fair Board at the fall/winter weigh-in

Modern Beef Weigh-in

Saturday, December 7, 2019 8 am-11 am

Fairgrounds

2020 Lorain County Jr. Fair Beef Born Bred & Raised Show

The Jr Fair Board Beef Department has made the decision to continue running the beef BBR show the same way it has been in past years. What this means is that an exhibitor can show a steer in both the BBR class and a market class. If you plan on showing an animal in both you must sign it up for both classes and turn in the proper paper work for the BBR registration. Remember if you are signing up to be in the BBR class that animal must be shown in a regular market class as well.

Any questions please contact a Jr Fair Board Beef Department member or Mike Buchs at the number or email below:

(440) 213-5338

michael.buchs@yahoo.com

Definition of Animal Possession and Ownership

All animals entered as Lorain County Junior Fair exhibits must meet the following guidelines for ownership and possession:

OWNERSHIP: Exhibit ownership must meet one of the following criteria

- A bill of sale which includes the seller's name, address, purchase date, purchase price, and signature of seller & buyer.
- A written lease agreement for the project animal which includes name and address of lessor (owner of project animal), the dates of start and termination of lease with signature of lessee (exhibitor), parent/guardian, club head advisor and lessor. (see FFA enterprise or 4-H project agreement included in the record book).
- Exhibitors raising project animals from personal or immediate family stock must have current lease agreement signed as both lessee and lessor as stated in above description of lease agreement.

POSSESSION: Exhibit possession must adhere to all of the following:

- All animals must be: Housed at exhibitor's family property or per a facility lease agreement within Lorain County or a bordering county (remember that part of the club experience is close project supervision by 4-H or FFA advisor). Under exhibitor's responsibility for care, feeding, training, cleanliness and quality assurance. The financial burden and responsibility of the exhibitor.
- All market animals defined by Junior Fair rules: Can only be exhibited by the exhibitor or immediate family member at other county/state fairs or open shows. All documents must be dated before current year's possession dates and any weigh-in, tagging and possession date requirements must be strictly followed.

For a complete list of guidelines click [here](#).

Community Happenings

The Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium takes place at the Shisler Conference Center in Wooster, including the youth program, on Dec. 13 and 14. A celebration of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association's 70th Anniversary also will take place. A youth discount is being offered (youth ages 12 and under are free, youth ages 13 – 22 are \$25.00), these prices reflect the 2 day registration. This is a great opportunity for any sheep enthusiast or shepherds in your county.

<https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/u.osu.edu/dist/e/45418/files/2019/10/2019-Buckeye-Shepherds-SymposiumFlyer.pdf>

Friday speakers at the event will include Sandi Brock, Commercial sheep producer and face of “Sheepishly Me- Adventures in Sheep Farming” on social media and YouTube, of Shepherd Creek Farms in Ontario, Canada; Cameron Lauwers — a first generation sheep producer and fourth generation farmer from Capac, Michigan who runs 600 ewes in a mostly housed accelerated lambing system; and Dr. Luciana da Costa, DVM of the OSU Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicines, who will be sharing her expertise on mammary health and mastitis. On Saturday additional speakers including John Foltz, Ohio State Animal Sciences chair and Lee Fitzsimmons, from Wayne Savings Community Bank.

Online registration link for BSS <http://www.ohiosheep.org/osia-programs.html#symposium>



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