

# Portage County Clover Courier

March/April 2016



## Reminders!

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### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Advisors:

- All Member Enrollments are due no later than 4 pm on April 1st (the office will be open all week March 28 - April 1 9 am - 4 pm)
- Portage County Quality Assurance April 23rd 10-11:30 am & May 22 1-2:30 pm @ Fairground. We recommend a parent accompanies 1st year members through QA .
- Your club 990 Postcard is due to the IRS by May 15th
- If your club serves prepared food (to the public or potluck) *at least* one of the adult Volunteers should take the Occasional Quantity Cooks training on 4-H Online
- ALL 4-H Project Book purchases will be charged state sales tax, unless paid with a 4-H Club Check. This is a policy which is being required by The State of Ohio. Thanks for your understanding. Please figure your book orders at .0725 % sales tax for all purchases not using a 4-H Club check. Attached is a tax rate chart from the State of Ohio. (tax for books.pdf)

**New Volunteers:** If you still need the training for becoming a new volunteer, or know someone who does, there will be a final training on March 24th from 6-8 pm in the Community room across from the Extension Office. Call to reserve a place.

**There are a lot of events listed in this edition of the Clover Courier - Please read through it all so you don't miss any of the fun & educational events!!**

### Benefit Committee Request Information

It is that time of year again to be thinking about your educational opportunities that can be offered to clubs and organizations that can benefit the development of our youth. Please consider completing an application for assistance to be reviewed by the Benefit Committee by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications and instructions are available on the Portage County Extension website <http://portage.osu.edu/>. Please submit all requests to Jennifer Derthick, 6470 Streeter Rd., Mantua, OH 44255. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Derthick at 330-931-8227 or [jmderthick44@hotmail.com](mailto:jmderthick44@hotmail.com)

**Benefit Committee would also like to send out a big thank you to all 4-h clubs who donated baskets for the Youth Benefit Committee Reverse Raffle!**

### My Hands to Larger Service Mini-Grants

This year (thanks to an Ohio 4-H Foundation grant) Ohio 4-H is offering the 'My Hands to Larger Service Mini-Grants' to Ohio 4-H teens. 20 - \$150 mini-grants will be awarded to teens so that they can plan and lead a community service project. The application packet is attached! Completed applications are due by March 25<sup>th</sup>, and recipients will be notified prior to April 8<sup>th</sup>. **Encourage your interested teens to enroll in 'Project #373 - My Hands to Larger Service' so they have a great resource within reach!**

### Portage County 4-H Tack Swap

Saturday May 7, 2016 9 am - 2 pm at the Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds! See the attached pdf for more details.



Attached you will find information for the **2016 Welding Workshop** that takes place on OSU Campus April 16. This is a great opportunity for youth to learn from some of the best welding professionals in the industry. Space is limited so please let your youth interested in welding know ASAP.



### Maple Madness at Camp Whitewood

March 12th AYCE Amish County Breakfast:  
<http://www.4hcampwhitewood.com/#/events/cd4j>

Sponsor a 2016 Maple Tap:

<https://acaohio.typeform.com/to/cmeK3O>

## Dog Information!

### Temperament Test Dates:

Sunday, April 24, 1-4 pm  
Wednesday, May 18th, 6-8 pm  
Saturday, June 4th, 1-4 pm

All test dates will be held at:  
3679 Bassett Rd., Rootstown, Ohio 44272

Contact Carrie Firth to sign up for at time slot  
at [thefirths3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thefirths3@sbcglobal.net)



### Mandatory for Dog Agility:

All doges showing in Agility MUST be measured this year for their proper jump height.

Measuring dates will be:  
Sunday, April 24, 1-4 pm  
May 3rd 6-8 pm  
Wednesday, May 18th, 6-8 pm  
Saturday, June 4th, 1-4 pm

All test dates will be held at: 3679 Bassett Rd., Rootstown, Ohio 44272



### Cake Decorating Workshop

March 21st 6-7:30 pm @ Ext. Office

The workshop is open to 4-H'ers and prospective 4-H'ers interested in learning more about cake decorating. See attached registration form for all the details

### Fundraising Opportunity at Progressive Field

My name is Brittany Oehlstrom and I am the nonprofit organization recruiter for Delaware North Sportservice at Progressive Field. Our team is looking for spirited, service-oriented volunteer groups to provide first class service in our concession stands and in-seat vending. If you are a nonprofit organization that is looking for funding and would like to know more information please contact me by phone at 216-420-4762 or by email [boehlstr@delawarenorth.com](mailto:boehlstr@delawarenorth.com). I look forward to sharing all the great opportunities we offer and how we can help knock your organization's fundraising goals out of the park in 2016!



### Western Reserve County Store Poultry Ownership Workshop

Tuesday, March 15  
6-8 pm at Maplewood Career Center

RSVP Needed!

Please see attached flyer!



Also on March 21st: Those interested in **Food & Nutrition Projects** can also come on 3/21/16 6-7:30pm to learn about project requirements for county judging. No fee for this portion, just RSVP to Fran Pruchenski 330 221-0628

## QA Test-Out information

As an alternative to participating in the mandated annual quality assurance training, Portage County Junior Fair food animal project exhibitors ages 12-14 and 15-18 may elect to take a Quality Assurance test in their primary project area. This test is administered by and under the supervision of Ohio State University Extension. Those who pass the test will be exempt from annual quality assurance re-certification until they move into the next age bracket or are no longer a Portage County Junior Fair feed exhibitor. **Test out date: May 3rd at 6 pm at Extension Office**

### General Guidelines:

- Only returning Portage County Junior Fair food animal exhibitor's ages 12-14 and 15-18 are eligible for the Quality Assurance Test out option.
- New and/or first time food animal exhibitors and all returning food animal exhibitors ages 8 and in the third grade through age 11 ARE NOT eligible for the testing option. All ages are based on 4-H ages as of January 1st of the current year.
- *Exhibitors need to register to take the test.* When calling, participants or parents/legal guardians need to be prepared to provide the following information: 1. Participants name, 2. 4-H Club, 3. Primary project area (large animal or small animal), & 4. Age group (12-14 or 15-18)
- Testing participants need to score a minimum of 70% to pass the test and meet the exemption requirements. Each test is comprised of 50 multiple choice questions worth 2 points each.
- Exhibitors will be permitted to take the test ONLY once. If they fail to meet the minimum 70% passing grade, they MUST still attend and complete a QA Training Program.
- NO TESTS, only scores will be returned to the exhibitor as part of a letter.
- No parents/guardians are allowed to sit with members during testing.

**Testing Categories (Primary Project Area):** Large Animals: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, and Goats, & Small Animals: Rabbits, Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens, Geese

## DairyPalooza 2016

**April 30, 2016**

**Trumbull County**

**Fairgrounds**

**Cortland, Ohio**

Attached is the registration form – early registration ends April 4!!



## Horse Safety & Ethics Training

This training will be held at the Extension office meeting room on March 22 & April 5 from 7-8:30. **Any member taking a horse project for the first time must attend one of these trainings with a parent or guardian.**

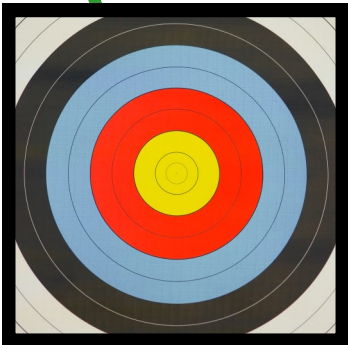
**Ohio State University**  
**Junior Swine Day 2016**

Please see the attached pdf for  
registration form and  
agenda for Saturday,  
March 19, 2016 in Wooster  
or Columbus.

**QA** available at either location!



**A Shooting  
Sports Club  
Coming to Por-  
tage County!  
Watch for  
more details!**



**Don't forget our  
new **Livestock**  
**Checklists!**  
Check our  
website for all  
the lists.**

**Women in Agriculture**

This year, the conference will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 1 at the R.G. Drage Career Technical Center, 2800 Richville Drive SE, in Massillon. Registration is \$55, or \$30 for students, which includes lunch and a continental breakfast. Information is available at [regonline.com/womeninageast](http://regonline.com/womeninageast) or by calling 740-622-2265. The registration deadline is March 18. see the "flyer - Final 2016" pdf attached to the email.

# Club News



**Portage Prime Producers** were helping in our community this winter. In November, we assisted PowerCorp at a "Friendsgiving" dinner. We served food, brought desserts, and helped participants with Christmas cards. January found us at the Nelson/Garrettsville Community Cupboard where members filled 278 snack bags for the James A. Garfield School District.

