



Portage County Clover Courier

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Announcements!

- **Club Financials Packets Due January 15th at Noon.** Without this on file in the Extension Office by January 15, 2016 by noon, your Club Charter will be denied and the club will not be able to participate in any 4-H or Portage County Randolph Jr. Fair activities.
- **Member/Cloverbud Enrollment Packets** are now available in the Office - pick up during normal office hours. Call to make arrangements for other times, if needed.
- We will have annual **Advisor and Volunteer trainings** in February. We are working to confirm dates and locations now. Email to follow.
- **Advisors:** it has come to our attention that some clubs do not have active checking accounts. Every club is required to maintain a checking account and have an EIN number from the IRS to get their charter and be eligible for Fair, etc.
- The **2016 Ohio 4-H Conference** is designed to bring together 4-H volunteers and teens from across the State of Ohio. The objective of this event is to learn together and from each other in order to improve our abilities to deliver the Ohio 4-H Program to its members. We truly believe that these educational selections offer something for everyone, and have the ability to satisfy every taste and need. Find the registration forms [here](#). Some money will be available to help cover the cost of the conference for Teens & Volunteers, contact the Extension office for details.
- The **Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections Newsletter** is now posted to the website: www.go.osu.edu/cbc In this January - March 2016 Issue we highlight several topics about Building Respect with 4-H Cloverbuds: Teaching Respect by Joyce Shriner, Teaching Respect and Manners by Christy Millhouse, Campus Connections by Dr. Scott Scheer, Click it, Print it, Do it! – Fun with Respect-acles... by Janine Yeske

ADVISORS: If your club or committee has received notice letters from the IRS regarding EIN# OSU's Jeff Dick has a new 800# and a couple of tips to save you some time on hold!

- THE CONTACT NUMBER FOR THE NONPROFIT DEVISION OF THE IRS IS: **877-829-5500** (They include a 800-829-3676 on their letters that is a general number with *additional* holding time.)
- Also have the 10 digit reference # along with the letter code (LTR {4 digit #} C and the club or affiliate EIN# ready (all located in the top right corner of the letter received)
- **Always ask the IRS Agent to repeat their name and badge# and document it!**



Lucky Clovers' Lego League Team won the Tournament in Kirtland in early December. CONGRATULATION to them!! They will be heading to the District Tournament in January.



Cloverbud Corner

This is Claire Rice. She is 6 years old and a Cloverbud member with Portage County Unleashed 4-H Club. Here she is holding the Christmas ornament that she made at their last meeting. They are a

dog club, so they made dog ornaments!



Charlotte and Marcy enjoying learning all about horses at an A.T.I.

field trip with Kait and Meg MacIntyre. Charlotte plans to continue learning about horses. She also thinks she would like to learn about rabbits and sewing.



New feature

of the Clover Courier: Cloverbud Corner!! Each issue will feature one or two Cloverbuds. Please send us pictures and 3-4 sentences about the Cloverbud and we will add them.