



Portage County Clover Courier

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Announcements

- ☘ **Office Hours are now extended** - we will continue Mondays and Thursdays 9 am – 4 pm and will now be open on Wednesdays 9 am – noon! If you would like a one on one appointment on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday with either of us please call or email.
- ☘ Portage County 4-H is now on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/OSUextensionportagecounty>
Please feel free to add information you would like to share with all the clubs – pictures, announcements, and programs. Please keep the comments positive! If you do have any issues please contact Ashley or Jeanie directly to resolve them, thanks!
- ☘ Thanks to our volunteers Karen Smith & Nancy Moss for taking great care of the office until we could get settled in!
- ☘ Gold Medal Ceremony will be on Sunday, April 19th from 2 – 4 pm at Maplewood Career Center. Please come and support your fellow 4-H'ers as they receive Club Awards, Scholarships, Committee Awards, State Camps and Trips, Gold Medal Award and Recognition Awards for special activities.
- ☘ **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS** Completion of a Quality Assurance (QA) education program by a Jr. Fair Exhibitor is **mandatory** for lactating dairy cattle, lactating dairy goats, market beef, dairy beef, finished steers, light and heavy dairy or beef feeders, dairy starter calves, market lambs, market goats, market hogs, all meat poultry, and meat rabbits.

 - Portage County May 9th 10 am – Noon & May 17th 1 – 3 pm at Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds
 - Testing Out of QA – April 29th at 6pm in the Extension Office. Contact the office to register.
 - Ohio Beef Expo March 16th at Ohio Expo Center, www.ohiobeefexpo.com for details
 - Pi-State Poultry Clinic - March 28 8:30 am at Fisher Auditorium OSU/OARDC Wooster, OH Registration due 3/20 - 330 263-3753 or anderson.37@osu.edu

Opportunities

Attention Portage County 4-H Groups:

Interested in attracting new members? Want to give some of your youth the opportunity to work on *public speaking*? Are some of your older youth looking for community service hours or want to practice presenting their projects? Well, the Moebius Nature Center of Aurora would love your help! On May 17th, from 1-4, the center will be holding a 4-H day to help the public learn more about their programs. They would love many different types of groups to come out with their animals or projects. Any hands on projects or demonstrations you can provide would be appreciated. If your club would be willing to come out to engage with the public, please contact Megan MacIntyre meganmacintyre@aol.com



We have a new Office Associate, welcome Jeanie Stenson!
Best of luck to her!



The **Portage County Livestock Judging Team** is getting back up and running after a year off! We will officially start in April but there is a great opportunity to judge at the Beef Expo March 21st! We will have a meeting March 19 @ 7pm in the fair board office. At this meeting we will go over the basics of judging cattle to prepare for the Beef Expo. We recommend anyone who wants to participate in the Beef Expo Judging Contest be at this meeting. We are also looking for members to participate in the team outside of the Beef Expo. Traditionally we have participated in 5-7 contests each year! We hope to get back on this schedule.

To participate in the Beef Expo you will need to e-mail Stephen Heppe stpmikhep@gmail.com, find a ride to the contest at the State Fairgrounds, and meet up with the group by 8:30 in the Rauch Arena (old Cooper Arena). The contestant's fees will be paid by the Portage County Judging Team! Contestants will receive lunch and can then stay for Quality Assurance at 1:00pm in the same arena as the contest. Results are presented at 4:30 pm.

Ohio 4-H Dog Expo
For 4-H members enrolled in dog projects, as well as volunteers and parents.

Saturday, April 18 9 am – 4 pm
(Registration deadline: Fri. April 10 NO day-of registration)
Location: Stark Co. Fairgrounds
305 Wertz Ave NW, Canton

Registration is \$20/youth for whole day & \$10 for half day.

For more information please contact:

Tracy Waite, State 4-H Dog Committee waite.29@osu.edu
OR starkcountyfair.com

Want your event mentioned in the Clover Courier? Email details to Jeanie stenson.16@osu.edu

Summit County Farm
Bureau 7th Annual
Farmer's Share Breakfast
Pancakes, scrambled eggs,
sausage, milk & coffee
\$1/person

Saturday, March 21
8 am – 11 am
(or when food runs out)

Copley High School 3807
Ridgewood Rd., Copley, OH

FREE Gardening Seminar at
9:30 am – Easy Care Plants
and Low Maintenance
Gardening Techniques

Poultry Ownership Workshop Presented by:

Western Reserve Farm Cooperative, Purina Animal Nutrition & The Portage County Farm Bureau

There will be two speakers – an Animal Nutritionist and a Veterinarian Q &A will follow each presentation.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 - 6-8:30 pm

WHERE: Maplewood Career Center 7075 St. Rt. 88, Ravenna Conference Room A (use door on North side of school)

To make reservations or for more information contact the **Western Reserve County Store** Ravenna 330 296-3424 or 800 688-4565

4-H Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

Saturday May 2, 2015 7am – Noon

All you can eat Pancakes, 2 Sausage links, Juice and/or Coffee

Adults \$5, Kids 4-10 \$3k, 3 & under Free

Proceeds benefit the Small Animal Committee

Portage County Saddle & Tack Swap Meet will occur at the same time

Cloverbud Day Camp will be on Tuesday, July 7th at Camp Whitewood so the younger kids can see what “big camp” is like! More information about how to register cost and schedule of events will come out in the next **Clover Courier!**

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

Call to Register 330 296-6432

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

(Required only for NEW Volunteers)

Tuesday, March 31st 5:30-7 pm or

Sunday, April 12th 1:30-3 pm. Extension Office Meeting Rm

*More dates will be set after the June 1st deadline for New Volunteer Application Materials in to Extension Office

MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE RECONGNITION TRAINING

(Required for ALL volunteers – New AND Seasoned)

Tuesday, March 31st 7-8 pm or Sunday, April 12th 3-4

Extension Office Meeting Room

**Camp Whitewood
4-H Jr. Camp 2015**

It's time to start planning for the summer season! Camp registrations for ages 8-14 at Camp Whitewood are now being taken online. All registrations for 4-H Jr. camp will be handled through Whitewood, along with the camp fees. Camp runs from July 5-11th.

Checks and applications are made out to Camp Whitewood and are sent directly to them, or pay online with a credit card.

If you need help paying for camp, there are several camperships (scholarships) available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Extension Office.

Campership forms are available online:

<http://portage.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/portage-county-4-h-camp>

Online registration is at:

<http://4hcampwhitewood.osu.edu/book-it/resident-camp-regestration>

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Do you know Ohio 4H members who are graduating this year?

Let them know about the Agriculture Scholarship program. The Ohio Benevolent and Protective Association have set aside 33 college scholarships, of \$1,000 each, just for Ohio 4H members!

Help us spread the word about this great opportunity that rewards youth leadership in our programs. To be eligible, high school seniors must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 and plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in any discipline at an Ohio college or university. For more information, and to download application forms, visit www.ohio-hbpa.com. The application deadline is April 17.

Life Skills – Save the Dates!

Life Skills Project & Cooking Day

At Maplewood Career Center

Tuesday, July 21 10 am – 2 pm

Clothing Day, Judging & Fashion Revue

At Maplewood Career Center

Thursday, July 23

Noon – 5 pm Judging

7 pm Fashion Revue

<http://www.mwood.cc>

Have a question about any of these activities? Contact the office and we may be able to forward you the flyers and/or registration forms for the event!

County 4-H Tack Swap

Saturday, May 2nd 9 am – 2 pm

Where: Portage County Randolph Fair

Free admission & parking for spectators/visitors.

For more information

<http://www.personal.kent.edu/~kesmith6/index.htm>

Ashtabula County 4-H Rabbit Fun Show & Educational Workshop

Sunday, April 12th, 2015

Registration from 1-2pm

Jr. Fair Expo Building, Ashtabula County Fairgrounds - Jefferson, Ohio

Entry fee \$1.00 per rabbit.

Activities include: Breed ID Contest, Skill-A-Thon Stations, Equipment ID, Showmanship Critiques, Rabbit Costume Contest, Photo Booth, Chinese Auction with rabbit related items (donations appreciated), Tattooing Available & Rabbits for Sale.

For more info call Brandy Hanusosky
440 254-4235

4-H All Stars are celebrating with our member, Joey Fresch, who was chosen to attend Bio Med next year! Congratulations, Joey! We are very proud of you!

4-H All Stars members, parents and advisor,
Janet Nichols.

DairyPalooza Northeast

May 2nd – Trumbull County Fairgrounds Courtland, OH

Pre-registration sheets and fees of \$6 per person must be postmarked by April 10. One DairyPalooza shirt is included with each pre-registration fee.

ohiodairypalooza.com for the registration form and more information



2014-2015 4-H Rewards Program

The **Rewards Program** provides each participating 4-H Club with a contribution from Western Reserve Farm Cooperative in the amount of 10% of the qualified purchases their Club Members make from the Cooperative for the “projects” they show at the County Fair.

What purchases qualify for the Reward?

- 1.) All feeds that are fed to each “fair project”.
- 2.) All grooming, watering, bedding, and feed accessory supplies that are for each “fair project”.

How does the Program work?

- 1.) Qualified Clubs establish a “Club / Cash Account” with Western Reserve Farm Cooperative.
- 2.) Club Members purchase the supplies for their project through the Club’s Cash Account.
- 3.) After the County Fair, the Cooperative will issue a check to the Club’s Advisor for the Club’s **Reward**.

What Clubs are eligible to participate?

- 1.) Clubs that are actively working with area youth, teaching them to raise and care for animals.
- 2.) And the Club is located within Western Reserve Farm Cooperative’s trade area.

How does a Club get an Account established?

- 1.) The Club’s Advisor informs Western Reserve of their Club’s intent to participate in the **Program**.
- 2.) The Club’s Advisor provides Western Reserve with the name of their Club, and their own personal address and phone number.
 - *This is strictly for tracking and contact purposes – as the Account is a “Cash Only” Account.*
- 3.) **Note:** Only transactions that are processed through the Club’s Account will receive the **Reward**.

How can a Club Member participate when the supplies for their project are acquired as part of their family’s entire herd?

- 1.) The Club Member must make this known to Western Reserve, and provide the following.
 - a. Their name, address, and phone number.
 - b. Identify the Club they are part of, and the project(s) they have in the Club.
 - c. Identify the herd their project is part of – and verify the supplies for their herd are acquired from Western Reserve.
- 2.) The **Reward** for each of these projects will be as noted.
 - Dairy \$50 per head
 - Beef \$50 per head
 - Horses \$40 per head
 - Swine \$30 per head
 - Sheep \$20 per head

Questions? Get answers at any of Western Reserve Farm Cooperative’s facilities.

We wish everyone the very best with this year’s Project – and hope they always enjoy animals!