



CLOVER COURIER

**Portage County
DECEMBER 2014**

Dear 4-H Families,

The holidays are approaching and that means a busy time for most of us! Although this is a slow time of year for the 4-H program, please take a few minutes from your full schedule to call and encourage your older members to apply for 4-H trips and opportunities such as Junior Fair Board, Leadership Camp, Camp Counselor, etc. We have been told by teens that "the little push from my advisor is what made me fill out the form and try for trips and county activities." So I can't say enough about the impact your contact with the teens in your club has on them.

Also we are in the middle of hiring a new 4-H Educator and Office Associate at this time. Interviews are happening in mid-December for both positions. We are hoping to get some wonderful staff into the office in mid to late January, if all goes well. I hope we can all come together to support the new staff members. Learning their new jobs will not be an easy task, so I do ask for your patience, kindness, and caring in the coming months and years.

Something that helps put this idea into perspective for me, a farmer on average has 40 chances in his lifetime to harvest his grain crop. (If you get a chance to read it, there is a great book called 40 Chances by Howard Buffett.) The 4-H season is very similar, there is a definite time and place for most of the 4-H program activities just like grain farming. In the spring a farmer plants the seed and at the same time 4-H members start the year with new projects. Through the summer farmers help their plants grow and through the summer we help our 4-H'ers grow. In the fall farmers reap the reward of their efforts through harvest along the same time that 4-H members are completing their projects and reaping the benefits of their projects.

So, even if a 4-H professional is ready to retire, they have only performed the complete 4-H process 30 or so times. If that same person had worked in a factory, they would have performed the same process numerous time a day, hundreds of time in a week, and thousands of time in a year. Even after a 4-H Educator, 4-H Advisor, 4-H volunteer, 4-H Member, 4-H Parent, or 4-H supporter has been involved we all need to keep in mind we do not have that many chances to get this right as we really thought.

In 4-H we are always optimistic for the next year! What can I change, do better, or fix! Let's take this new year as an opportunity to look at ourselves and find ways to "Make the Best, Better!"

Yours in 4-H,

Stephen Heppe

Wayne County 4-H Program Assistant &
Interim Portage County 4-H Staff

New Volunteer Requirements

I want to share some new policies that Ohio State University is implementing that will affect you as a 4-H Volunteer. This new policy is University wide. 4-H was a member of the team that drafted this new policy. OSU Policy 1.50 has been put in place to protect the youth that participate in any university program. This new policy includes any youth program from a football camp at OSU to our 4-H program. Policy 1.50 has three different requirements that you will have to fulfill to continue as a volunteer.

1. Background check every four years

4-H volunteers will now be required to get a background check every 4 years. Only ¼ of the volunteers will receive the letter this year, but over the next 4 years, everyone will have a background check. This will be an ongoing requirement from here on out!

2. Annual Mandatory Training

4-H volunteers will now be required to come to a training meeting before April 15. We will have multiple possible trainings to fulfill this requirement.

3. Meeting dates must be registered

Every meeting or event where a youth/minor is present must be registered with Ohio State University. The creation of this website is in progress... so please do not worry about this requirement until I or the new Educator share the site with you! It may be a few months before this portal is ready for clubs to input their meeting dates.

Ohio State University, overseers of the Ohio 4-H Program, have created these requirements to protect the youth of Ohio. While some of these requirements may seem to be invasive, we as the volunteers need to make sure we fulfill them. If you do not complete all the requirements, you will not be considered a volunteer in good standing and the university has given me the duty to dismiss any volunteer that does not complete these duties.

This may seem harsh, but we are dealing with youth and 4-H members. We want to give them the best! The 4-H motto is to *"make the best, better."* Through this process The Ohio State University and Ohio 4-H are trying to make our best volunteers, better and more capable to shape and mold the youth of tomorrow!



CLUB PACKETS READY!

Your packet will include advisor's materials and enrollment forms, a family guide and a 2015 calendar. You may pick up your packet at the Extension Office.

Our office hours are currently
Monday & Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00pm.

We will be open extended hours for your convenience:

Monday, December 22 from 9am - 6pm
Thursday, January 15 from 9am - 6pm

Camp Counselors

We are still on the look out for 2015 4-H Camp counselors. Applications are available for pick up at the Extension Office. 4-H members 16 years old and up (as of July 1, 2015) are encouraged to complete an application. If you have any questions or need more information, contact the Extension Office (330-296-6432).

Camp week will be July 5th-11th
at 4-H Camp Whitewood!

NEW Club Constitution Requirements

There is a new constitution that is required for every 4-H club in the State of Ohio. This new constitution must be in place to comply with IRS standards and the Ohio State University Extension Policies. You can find a copy of the constitution in your club packet or online at: go.osu.edu/ClubConstitution (case sensitive)

Every 4-H club must use this new constitution as is, and it must be approved and signed by your club officers every year. A copy of the annually approved and signed club constitution MUST be on file at the local county office by April 15 of each year. This should be accompanied by your club chartering checklist.

We recommend moving any club specific requirements that are in your current constitution into your club by-laws. (i.e. attendance requirements, meeting dates, dues, etc). If your club has a set of by-laws they must accompany your new constitution when you turn it in to the office annually by April 15!

IMPORTANT

FOR ALL POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS

As you begin to recruit volunteers for your club for 2015 be reminded of the OSUE Volunteer Policy.

Adults who desire to volunteer their time, energy and talents to Ohio State University Extension with the potential to serve members of a vulnerable population (minors, elderly, and/or disabled) must complete a volunteer selection process.

Adults serving members of a vulnerable population (minors, elderly, and/or disabled) in an unsupervised capacity with potential for ongoing contact with clientele and/or includes opportunities for financial, overnight, and transportation responsibilities will:

- 1) Receive at the time of application a written volunteer position description outlining the responsibilities.
- 2) Read, agree to, and sign the O.S.U. Extension Volunteer Standards of Behavior Form.
- 3) Complete a volunteer application, in its entirety, and submit to the appropriate O.S.U. Extension office.
- 4) At minimum, have 3 references returned that are non-relatives.
- 5) Complete a new volunteer training with OSU Extension representative.
- 6) Submit to a criminal history fingerprint background check.

Due to the need to have this process complete before a volunteer begins work with the 4-H program, new volunteers need to pick up a packet before March 15 each year.

If you have or are recruiting new volunteers for your club, please have them come to the Extension Office to pick up a packet which contains all of this information.

Remember new volunteers must also submit a volunteer enrollment form with your clubs by April 15th!

OHIO 4-H AGE REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for 4-H membership (Cloverbuds) begins when a child has reached age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year.

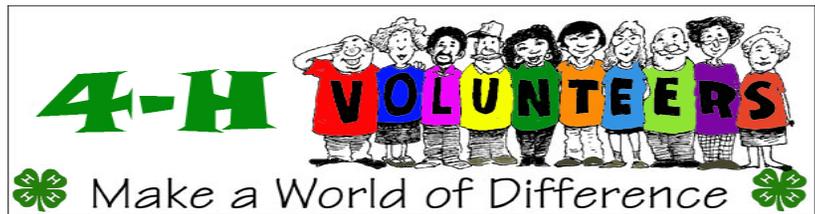


Membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in third grade as of January 1 of the current year. Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

Volunteer Liability Insurance for Registered 4-H Volunteers

OSU Extension provides personal liability insurance coverage for ALL Extension volunteers, including 4-H volunteers.

The cost of the liability insurance is paid for you. The insurance provides coverage of \$1 million per occurrence or \$3 million maximum per policy per year. This coverage is in excess of any personal liability insurance coverage you may have. The insurance is through Volunteer Insurance Service (VIS) of Alexandria, Virginia.



2015 OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE

The state 4-H Teen Conference and Volunteer Conference will be **March 14, 2015**. Plan to attend the joint Teen and Volunteer Conference in Columbus.

The conference will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center and the cost is \$35 with registration due by February 13.

All teens and advisors are encouraged to attend! Nearly 150 workshops will be offered! Participants will have an opportunity to meet and interact with other teens and advisors and to hear from national speakers. The registration form is attached to the newsletter. For the session booklet visit: go.osu.edu/4HconfBOOK (case sensitive link)

FlipGive

National 4-H Council has partnered with FlipGive to create a unique fundraising opportunity for your local 4-H club. Earn up to 50% when your friends shop with brands such as Starbucks, Under Armour, and more!

Check it out at: <http://go.flipgive.com/4-h/>

EIGHT KEY ELEMENTS for a successful 4-H experience

The goal of the Ohio 4-H program is to create positive environments where youth and adults are able to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens. Research has been conducted to determine what elements a 4-H program, activity, event, or club needs to provide in order to meet this goal. From that research, 8 key elements have been identified as being important to success in reaching the goal.

- A welcoming environment
- A positive relationship with caring adults
- An opportunity for mastery and competence
- An opportunity to value and practice service to others
- An emotionally and physically safe environment
- An opportunity for self-determination
- An opportunity for engagement in learning
- An opportunity to see one's self in the future

Cloverbud Resources Available

The State 4-H Office publishes a quarterly newsletter called *Cloverbud Connections* that is full of resources, ideas, and activities that 4-H advisors can do with Cloverbud members in grades K-2. The Fall issue of Cloverbud Connections is now available on-line at <http://ohio4h.org/ohio-4-h-cloverbud-connections>.

4-H Club Requirements

Please be aware that the guidelines indicate that 4-H clubs must have 5 members to exist. If a club does not have 5 members for two consecutive years, they will be encouraged to join in with another local club.

In other words, if a club dips below 5 members for one year they may want to work hard to recruit and get their membership over 5 for the following year. If club enrollments are turned in to the extension office for a second consecutive year with less than 5 members, the club will be combined with another.

Membership Across County Lines

Youth are expected to affiliate only with the 4-H program in their county of residence. Requests to join 4-H in a county other than where a child lives may be made to the 4-H educator in the county where the child lives. 4-H Educators will grant requests when:

- A positive educational experience will result.
- Competition or sale advantage is not the motive.
- An unresolved controversial issue is not pending.

Please note the Randolph Fair has rules in place that allow only Portage County Residents to show & exhibit in the junior fair unless they had extenuating circumstance and have been approved by the fair board.

Secretary & Treasurer Books

It is MANDATORY that all clubs turn in their officer books no later than March 1. It's a good idea to make sure your officers are currently keeping track of your club meetings and business transactions. Be ahead of the deadline – turn them in as soon as you close your books for the year.

Affirmative Action

It is illegal to use Federal funds to conduct any program that does not actively pursue compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI. The OSU Extension Service, which includes 4-H, is partially supported by Federal funds. The County Extension office cannot work with a 4-H club that is discriminatory in the members it accepts. Such a club will not be allowed to exist as a 4-H club. The non-discriminatory policy of OSU Extension is on the front page of this newsletter, at the bottom.

*The staff of Ohio State
University Extension Portage County
wish you and your family
a holiday season filled with joy!*

*Stephen Hepper
Glennie Yount*

Ordering 4-H Publications

When requesting 4-H publications from the Extension Office, please use the new 2015 4-H publication order form. One form is enclosed with the organizational advisor packet. There is a **\$6.00 charge** for all 4-H project books that you order, unless otherwise indicated by the Extension Office. **All project books must be paid for at the time that they are picked up. Allow one to two weeks to have your project book order filled, especially if it is for more than 20 books.**

The State 4-H web site has publications (including club officers' handbooks) and lots of other helpful information at www.ohio4h.org.

REMINDER: Be sure to give a Portage County 4-H calendar to every family, along with the family guide. It is difficult for families to plan vacations, etc. without this county calendar! The Portage County 4-H calendar is also available on our website at Portage.osu.edu.



4-H Club Yearly Financial Summary Due January 31, 2015

This new form, similar to the End of Year Report found in the Club Treasurer's Book, must be completed by January 31st. Club financials will be reported based on each calendar year's bank transactions, January 1st - December 31st of each year. Clubs must fill out the form that was included in your 2015 club packet or the form attached to the newsletter.

2015 4-H Book Updates	
New Books	
382 Am I Ready to Work?	405 The Laundry Project
498 Quilting the Better Best	500 Science Fun with Physics
	507 Robotics EV3
Revised Projects	
150 Poultry Project & Record Book	179 Uniform Rules for Horse Shows
202 Dog Achievement Program	459 Let's Start Cooking
461 Let's Bake Quick Breads	611 Explore the Outdoors
	751 Archery Member Record Book
Discontinued Projects	
124 Techniques for Judging Dairy	481 Food & Fitness for Fun
482 Food & Fitness Choices for You	488GPM Team Up for Good Nutrition
554GPM ATV Safety Leader's Guide	613 Exploring Our Forests
617 Exploring Our Ponds	625GPM Fishy Science
	645 Exploring Our Insect World

4-H Leaders: Please copy and share this page with all parents of those enrolled in animal projects.

“It doesn’t cost me anything”

- by Jeff King, Past State Leader, 4-H

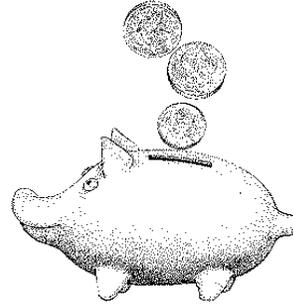
Ohio State University Extension's 4-H program provides young people with fun and educational opportunities. Many of Ohio's 4-H members will choose market livestock projects. As a part of this opportunity, members purchase a handbook and a project record book that serve as tools for successfully completing their projects.

As parents, volunteers, and agriculture supporters, have you ever heard a youth say: "The feed doesn't cost me anything because Dad pays for it ... There are no transportation costs because we use our farm trailer ... I don't have any veterinary expenses because she/he checks my animals on a regular farm visit"

Exhibiting animals in the show ring is certainly exciting, but knowing what it took to get there is the most important lesson.

Regardless of what you choose to do with your life, you will need to learn to manage money to be successful. A first step in being a good financial manager is to take responsibility for your own actions and behaviors. This starts with good record keeping.

Ohio 4-H livestock books state that records help 4-H members to: learn about animals — their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of the feed and the animal's behavior — follow drug withdrawal times and keep a record of all medications/treatments given; plan and budget future projects; know if you made or lost money and how much; improve your management practices; keep track of your



project activities; and understand the business aspects and economics of buying animals, feed, facilities and equipment for an animal.

While we sometimes hear that filling out record books is too hard or takes too much time, our youth will face family and work challenges in the future that will expect them to know how to do it. Shielding young people from the real world just because it is a 4-H project sells our organization short in what we are trying to achieve.

Records are no more useful than what you put into them, and I do recognize 4-H families have different arrangements for covering the cost of a member's project. When I was a 4-H member growing up on a dairy farm in Sandusky County, my parents traded project expenses for chores. But the process of figuring the feed cost, vet expenses and overhead were certainly an eye-opening experience. Successful farm business owners and operators do it every day. Accurate record keeping is an important part of the project. This \$6 investment can have lifelong benefits.

I also suggest that parents and 4-H leaders encourage 4-H livestock members to take one of the 4-H money management projects along with their livestock projects. These projects could also serve as club projects. Financial management skills and abilities are certainly real-life skills for success today and in the future. Encourage and support our 4-H members in getting the most out of their livestock experiences.



4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE:

April 15 by 4:30 PM

to the OSU Extension Office

705 Oakwood St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Projects enrolled after this date will not be eligible for exhibition through 4-H at the Randolph Fair!



PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM GOLD MEDAL NOMINATION FORM



(Due to Extension Office by March 3rd)

As an Advisor or Committee Member, you have the opportunity to nominate **any 4-H youth member** to be considered for Gold Medal Award. The nominator **cannot** be related to the nominee.

The 4-H Scholarship and Opportunities Committee will make final selection after the March 3rd deadline. Awards will be presented during the County Member Recognition and Achievement Program.

Projects must have been completed based on specific project requirements, example: Grade Day, Skillathon, and Judging!

Criteria:

Experience in 4-H Project and Activities (50%)

Knowledge of the project.

Participation in project based activities. Grade day participation is required!

Accomplishments related to the project.

Experience in Leadership (25%)

Participation in club meetings and activities.

Offices held or committees served on.

Experience in 4-H Citizenship and Community Service (25%)

Demonstrates service learning attitude.

Participation in citizenship and community service activities.

Below are the available categories:

Achievement	Engines, Tractors & Equipment	Plant science
Agriculture	Entomology & Bees	Poultry
Beef	Fashion Revue	Public Speaking
Bicycle	Food Nutrition	Rabbit
Cat	Forestry	Safety
Cavy	Garden/Horticulture	Sheep
Child Care & Development	Goat	Shooting Sports
Citizenship	Healthy Living	Swine
Clothing & Textiles	Home Environment	Technology and Engineering
Community Service	Horse	Veterinary Science
Consumer & Family Sciences	Leadership	Wildlife and Fisheries
Dairy	Livestock Judging	Wood Science
Demonstration	Money Management	
Dog	Pets	
Electricity	Photography & Video	

THIS FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED IN ORDER TO NOMINATE MORE YOUTH

Name of the 4-H Member Nominee: _____

4-H Age: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Award Category Nominated In: _____

Years in 4-H Project Area Nominated For: _____

In the following areas, list why this individual deserves this award using the guidelines below and the criteria on the first page (Feel free to attach ONE additional sheet if needed):

List in bullet point fashion, the project based activities including local, regional, & state participation, and accomplishments.

List participation in club activities, meetings, committees, offices held, & demonstrations.

List participation in citizenship & community service activities.

Nomination made by:

Volunteer's Name or Committee: _____

Phone Number: _____



Ohio 4-H Conference
Bringing Volunteers and Teens Together

2015 Ohio 4-H Conference

Registration Form

Saturday, March 14, 2015
Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio

Complete and return along with payment. Please **print** clearly.

Name: _____ Gender: _____ County: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

_____ 4-H Volunteer _____ County Extension Staff _____ State Extension Staff

_____ 4-H Youth Member _____ Other (please specify) _____

Do you have any dietary or access needs to accommodate a disability? Please indicate accommodation needed: _____

Youth Only: Years in 4-H _____
Parents Name _____
Grade in School _____

Which 4-H Conference luncheon would you like to attend?

_____ Volunteer _____ Teen

Workshops: List your first, second, and third choices for each time period. Indicate session/workshop choices found in the registration flier. Keep in mind that Workshops A, B or C cover multiple sessions each. You cannot attend a workshop and a session at the same time. Use #999 to schedule time to visit the Idea Center/Silent Auction.

	Workshop A 9:00 am - 10:30 am	Session 1 9:00 am - 9:50 am	Workshop B 10:00 am – 11:30 am	Session 2 10:00 am - 10:50 am	Session 3 11:00 am – 11:45 am	Workshop C 2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Session 4 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Session 5 3:15 pm – 4:10 pm
1st choice								
2nd choice								
3rd choice								

Registration Fees: Registration fees include conference fee and the recognition luncheon. Registration fees must be paid to attend any part of the conference and/or luncheon. Place the amount on the appropriate line:

Registration postmarked by February 13 (\$35)\$ _____
Registration postmarked after February 13 (does not include lunch)(\$45).....\$ _____

Send this registration form and your check to your county Extension Office. No refunds will be given after March 1, 2015.

Ohio 4-H Club/Committee Yearly Financial Summary

Due January 31 to the Extension Office

Program Year _____ Club/Affiliate Name _____

Club/Committee EIN _____

Bank Name _____ Account Number _____

Bank Address _____

Bank City/ST/Zip _____

Type of Account (select one): Checking Savings Other (please list) - _____

Who is authorized to sign your checks? (must have at least one name, preferably two names)

Beginning Account Balance as of Jan. 1 (should match bank statement) \$ _____

Club/Affiliate Income (please list)

Description (fundraiser, dues, etc.)	Amount		Description (fundraiser, dues, etc.)	Amount
Total Income				

Club/Affiliate Expenses

Description (books, program fees, etc.)	Amount		Description (books, program fees, etc.)	Amount
Total Expenses				

Ending Account Balance as of Dec. 31 (should match bank statement) \$ _____

Name of person completing form _____

2015 Portage County Calendar

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JANUARY		No meetings: Life Skills, Sheep
	8	Beef committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair Board office
	13	Goat: Market committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair Board office
	15	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office
	20	Horse Advisors' meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	26	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	30	Deadline: to Extension office: Applications for County-sponsored trips
FEBRUARY		No meetings: Beef, Market Goat, Sheep
	3	Dairy committee meeting: Extension office
	4	Life Skills committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	13	Deadline: Registration for Ohio 4-H Conference & Recognition Luncheon
	15	Deadline: STATE Scholarship applications to State 4-H Office
	17	Horse Rules committee 7:00 pm, Extension office
	19	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office
	23	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
MARCH		No meetings: Life Skills, Market Goat
	1	Deadline: to Extension office: Enrollment with <u>fees paid</u> for Honor Club points; Secretary & Treasurer club books; Constitution & By-Laws; Charter Checklist; Honor Club form; County Scholarship applications; County Gold Medal Award nominations (including Horse)
	2	Communications meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office (Committee Presidents & County Educator)
	5	Beef committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair Board office
	8-14	Ohio 4-H week
	10	Sheep committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	14	Ohio 4-H Conference
	17	Horse Advisors' meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	17	Deadline: Horse committee award nominations to Extension office for Ruth Matheos (Horsemanship, Leadership, Academics, Achievement, Sportsmanship)
	19	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office (if needed)
	20-22	Ohio Beef Expo – Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
	23	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	28	Youth Poultry Clinic – OARDC Campus, Fisher Auditorium, Wooster
APRIL		No meetings: Life Skills, Market Goat
	2	Beef committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair Board office
	7	Horse <i>Safety and Ethics</i> - REQUIRED once for ALL new members and parents 7:00 pm, Extension office
	14	Sheep committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	15	Deadline: to Extension office: All Club Enrollments with \$10 fee per member, not including Cloverbuds.
	16	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office
	21	Horse Advisors' meeting - 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	27	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	26	County Gold Medal Award Ceremony (Time and Place: TBA)
MAY		No meetings: Beef, Swine
	2	Horse Tack Swap
	2	Dairy Palooza Northeast – Trumbull County Fairgrounds, Cortland
	6	Life Skills committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	7	Horse <i>Safety and Ethics</i> - REQUIRED once for ALL new members and parents 7:00 pm, Extension office
	12	Goat: Market committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair Board office
	16	Market Goats, Sheep, Swine Weigh/Tag-in: Fairgrounds (TENTATIVE). Mandatory for all exhibitors.
	19	Horse Advisor's meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	20	Horse SKILLATHON #1 – 5:00-7:00 pm at Fairgrounds (Mandatory to attend Randolph Fair).
	25	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
JUNE		No meetings: Goat: Market
	1	Deadline: to Extension office: Horse Leases and Registrations for horses going to fair
	3	Life Skills committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	4	Beef committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair Board office
	9	Sheep committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.

JUNE	15	Deadline: Ohio State Fair Scholarships
	16	Horse Advisor's meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	18	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office
	20	Postmark Deadline: Ohio State Fair Junior Rabbit, Poultry, Livestock, and Horse Production entries
	22	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	23	Horse SKILLATHON #2 – 5:00-7:00 pm at Fairgrounds (Mandatory to attend Randolph Fair).
	25	Horse PORTAGE COUNTY PAS (State Fair selection) show <u>pre-registrations due</u> to Angie Polichena, 2433 St. Rt. 44, Atwater OH 44201
JULY	1	Postmark Deadline: Ohio State Fair Dog entries
	1	Life Skills committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	11	Horse PORTAGE COUNTY PAS (State Fair selection show) 8:00 am, Randolph Fair grounds
	14	SKILLATHON: Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Small Animal, Fairgrounds
	14	Goat: Market committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair Board office
	14	Sheep committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair dining hall
	14	Beef committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair Board office
	16	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office
	20-23	Life Skills judging: (TENTATIVE)
	21	Horse Advisor's meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	27	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair grounds
	28	Deadline: to give HORSE SHOTS. Horse shot papers to Extension office for Ruth Studer.
	29	Ohio State Fair in Columbus BEGINS http://ohiostatefair.com
AUGUST	9	Ohio State Fair in Columbus ENDS http://ohiostatefair.com
	3	Communications meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office (Committee Presidents & County Educator)
	4	Dairy committee meeting: Fair Board Ag Bldg.
	5	Life Skills committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	11	Goat: Market committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair Board office
	12	Horse Advisor's meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair Dining Hall. Get Fair passes from 3-5pm.
	18	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office (after carcass)
	25-30	Portage County Randolph Fair
SEPTEMBER		No meetings: Sheep
	2	Life Skills committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	3	Beef committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair Board office
	8	Goat: Market committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair Board office
	15	Horse Advisor's meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	17	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office
	28	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
OCTOBER		No meetings: Life Skills
	1	Beef committee meeting: 8:00 pm, Fair Board office
	4-10	National 4-H Week
	5	Communications meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office (Committee Presidents & County Educator)
	13	Goat: Market committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Fair Board office
	13	Sheep committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	15	Swine committee meeting: 7:30 pm, Fair Board office
	20	Horse Advisors Rules and Fair sub-committees meetings
	26	Goat: Pygmy and Dairy committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
NOVEMBER		No meetings: Beef, Market Goat, Swine, Pygmy & Dairy Goat
	4	Life Skills committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
	10	Sheep committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office.
	17	Horse Advisor's meeting: 7:00 pm, Extension office
2015	21	Beef steer weigh-in, Fair grounds: 7-9am for committee members; 9-10:30am for others. Mandatory to go to the 2016 Fair.
DECEMBER		No committee meetings in December
	1	Deadline: Volunteer Award Nominations due to State Office

Note: All information included is subject to change. Please watch emails and newsletters for up-to-date information!