

The Clover Connection



*Building Better Lives and Stronger Communities
through Paulding County 4-H*

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Welcome

Michael's Note

Welcome to 2017!!! What an exciting time. The OSU Paulding County Extension Office, my family, and I hope that 2017 is good to all of you. We also hope that your 2017 4-H year will give you more excitement and opportunities than you have had in the past.

There are many new and exciting events and activities that will be taking place in Paulding County through 4-H. We are hoping to have Shooting Sports started in the county this year (more on that inside this edition of the Clover Connection). We are also looking at starting a dog program in the county as well. Robotics teams have either started or will be starting soon. New STEAM activities have been purchased and are available to use in classrooms, after-school activities, and also during club meetings. The 4-H program is also going to be working very closely with the Paulding County Carnegie Library on STEAM programming. As these events are planned you will be receiving advertisements for the events and I ask that you come and check them out.

Good luck in 2017 and I look forward to seeing all of you grow in your leadership skills and knowledge.

Best Wishes,

Michael Schwinsky



4-H Updates

4-H enrollment in Paulding County continues until Friday, February

4-H Enrollment for 2017 is due February 3rd!

3rd. As always, if you or your friends have questions about 4-H or what it takes to become a member, please feel free to give Michael a call at 419-399-8225 or e-mail at Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu.

Newsletter Update

Beginning with this newsletter, the Clover Connection Newsletter will be going paperless. Please be sure to double check and give us your updated email address when you fill out your 2017 Membership forms. If you have selected to receive updates by mail on your enrollment form you will continue to receive the paper copy in the mail. The May/June newsletter will continue to be mailed out due to all the information that it contains regarding the Paulding County Fair.

4-H Book Orders

4-H books can be ordered at any time. If you already know what project you want to take you are able to order the book through the Extension Office and get started as soon as you want. If you order

your books through the Extension Office instead of through your club you will be responsible to pay the Extension Office for your books when ordering. Currently, books are ordered once a week and have been taking less than a week to get to the office. As more counties begin ordering books, the delivery time could increase.

If you are unsure of what projects you would like to take or are offered through 4-H please checkout Project Central at <http://ohio4h.org/projectcentral>. Here you are able to look at every project and read descriptions. You can even preview all of the projects offered and look through the first sections of the book to see how interested you are. I encourage everyone to check this website out and rate the projects you completed last year. This helps other youth in Paulding County and across the state get an idea of what others thought about the project. If you have specific questions about a 4-H project or book feel free to contact Michael to discuss.

Officer Training

Officer Training was held on Monday, November 21, 2016. 70 youth representing 13 clubs attended this training and gained knowledge as to what needs

to be accomplished with the office that they hold. If you have any questions about any of the officer positions or what it takes to become an officer, feel free to talk to your club officer or contact Michael.

Regional 4-H Volunteer Training

The 2017 Regional 4-H Volunteer Advisor Training will take place on January 26th in Ottawa at the Putnam County ESC as well as on February 23rd at the St. John Lutheran Church at the corner of U.S. Hwy 6 and St. Rt. 66. Topics include: New Advisor Training and Policy 1.50, Cloverbuds: Project and Activity Ideas, Opportunities for Older Youth, Question and Answer Session, Social Media and Ohio 4-H, and The Winning Plan. If you are interested in attending the January 26th training please let Michael know by January 20th. If you are interested in attending the February 23rd training, please let Michael know by February 17th. It is encouraged for all advisors to attend one of these trainings. The ideas that can be taken from other volunteers across the area can greatly benefit the youth of Paulding County.

Project Clinics

Beginning in 2017, Paulding County 4-H will be offering project clinics for the following areas: All Livestock, Self-Determined, and Cooking. These project clinics will be designed to help the youth understand how to complete their project and what they need to bring to the fair. Look for flyers to go out after the first of the year with more information. If you have questions about your project and it is

4-H Dates

- 12/23-12/26 - Office Closed for Christmas Break
- 12/28 - Camp Counselor Interviews
- 12/29 - Camp Counselor Interviews
- 1/2 - Office Closed for New Years
- 1/7 - OFMA Junior Fair Annual Conference
- 1/15-1/16 - Camp Counselor Lock-In
- 1/16/16 - Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/17 - 4-H CARTEENS Program
- 1/24 - Turkey Pick-Up and Possession Date
- 1/26 - 2016 Club Finance Forms Due to Extension Office
- 1/26 - Regional Advisor Training in Ottawa
- 2/3 - All 4-H Member Registrations Due
- 2/13 - Camp Counselor Training
- 2/23 - Regional Advisor Training in Archbold
- 3/5 - 3/11 - OHIO 4-H WEEK**
- 3/12 - Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 3/13 - Camp Counselor Training
- 3/17 - Add/Drop Deadline for all 4-H Projects
- 3/17-3/19 - Ohio Beef Expo
- 3/21 - Geese Possession Date
- 3/21 - Paulding County Quality Assurance 6:00 pm

not listed here, please do not hesitate to contact Michael to discuss your project. Michael can be reached at 419-399-8225 or schweinsberg.5@osu.edu. As projects continue to grow, more clinics may be offered.

Robotics

Are you interested in taking the robotics 4-H project? If so, the Extension Office has the kits that you will need to complete the project. We have 6 of the Lego® EV3 robotic kits that can be checked out for your project. These kits will be available mid-April and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be a \$50 deposit that will be required to check out the kits. Upon returning the kit, \$30 will be refunded as long as all parts are returned. The remaining \$20 will be deposited into a 4-H robotics account that will be used to maintain the current kits and help to fund additional future kits. If you have any questions about the Robotics project or would like to get your name down for one of the kits, please contact Michael.

4-H Shooting Sports in Paulding County

I am very excited to announce that the Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports program will be coming to Paulding County. We have found a couple volunteers who are willing to attend a three day training the end of February. More information will follow as to what shooting disciplines we will offer this year through Paulding County 4-H. If you are interested in this program please keep your eyes and ears open as more information is released when it is available. Also, be sure to discuss this exciting opportunity with your friends and family who are not currently enrolled in 4-H. If you have questions about the Ohio 4-H shooting sports program or are interested

in helping with the program please contact Michael.

Veterinary Feed Directive

The Veterinary Feed Directive, which takes effect on January 1st, is critically important to our 4-H members and their families. Pages 8-11 in this edition of the Clover Connection is a brochure produced by Ohio State University Extension Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. If you currently have livestock or are planning on taking a livestock project this year, you need to read over this brochure and familiarize yourself with the new law. As you begin planning your 4-H project, please be sure to include "Find a Veterinarian" to your list. This should be one of the first things you do in order to have a Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR), which is Good Production Practice #1. If you have questions about the Veterinary Feed Directive, please contact Michael.

Paulding County 4-H Facebook Page

If you have not already, please visit the Paulding County 4-H Facebook page. While you are there, go ahead and hit the Like button and be sure that you are following our page. It is here that new and exciting 4-H news is released first. Reminders of upcoming events and activities are also posted.

Livestock Information

Poultry

Turkey Pick-Up is scheduled to take place on January 24th from 3:00 to 4:30. at the Extension Office. Please remember that payment is due at the time of pick-up for orders with more than 5 turkeys. A special THANK YOU goes out to Cooper Farms for once again generously donating 5 turkeys to all youth who are taking the Market Turkey project this year.

Chickens

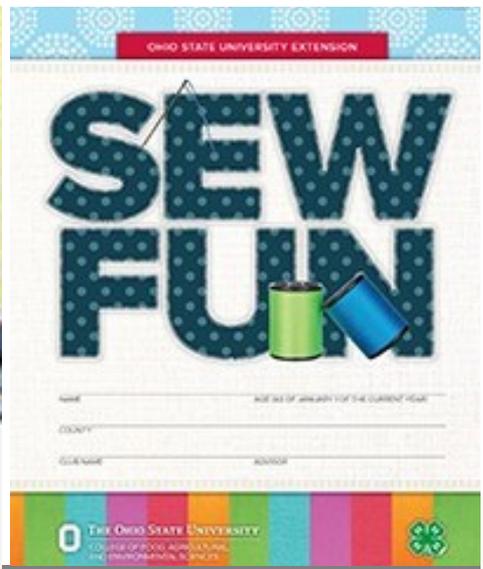
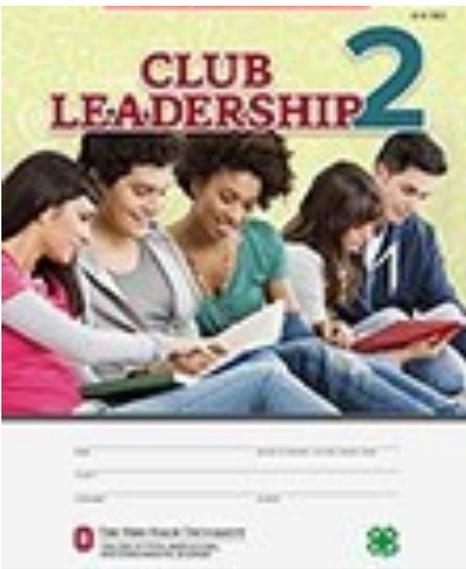
The OSU Extension Office is recommending that all 4-H and FFA members taking a market chicken project should place their order through the Extension Office. You are not required to purchase your poultry from the Extension Office, however, those who do not purchase from the Extension Office must have Pullorum free hatchery papers or a blood test for Pullorum. Again this year, a bulk order will be placed through Milan Center Feed and Grain. Chicken order forms are due March 23rd by 4:30 pm to the Extension Office. The order form will be available online or at the Extension Office at the beginning of February. Chicken pick-up for the bulk order is scheduled on Tuesday, April 25th from 3:00 to 4:30. This corresponds with the chicken possession date.

Quality Assurance

All members who plan on exhibiting an animal at the 2017 Paulding County Fair must complete Quality Assurance Training. To meet this requirement, youth can attend either the March 21st or March 25th QA Training session or attend a QA Training session in another county. Members who are not able to attend the QA Training in Paulding County must contact the office to inform of which out-of-county QA Training they plan to attend. All members are required to have QA completed by June 1st in order to show at the 2017 Paulding County Fair.

Livestock Tagging

The 2017 Livestock Tagging date is Saturday, April 1st from 9:00 to 11:00 am. All animals except for rabbits, poultry, and steers are required to come to the fairground to be tagged and weighed-in. Saturday, April 1st is also the possession date for beef feeders, dairy beef feeders, dairy feeders, goats, swine, and sheep. If you have questions about tagging or the possession date, please feel free to contact the office.



New Projects for 2017

- **383 Club Leadership 2** - Make the best better in your 4-H club by improving your leadership skills and the way you assist advisors and club members. Use your life experiences to find your leadership strengths, assess past teamwork, improve your speaking skills, and build relationships. Also, discover innovative ways to get to know your team, to communicate to resolve issues, and to develop a team plan. Intended for current club officers or chairs of committees.
- **409 Sew Fun!** - This updated project will have you sewing in no time! Learn to make your own clothing. Select and make an "easy" or "beginner" commercial pattern. Serves as an introduction to sewing for members of any age. A member who successfully completes this project is ready to move on to 413 Sundresses and Jumpers or 419 Tops for Tweens.

Check out the 2017 Online Family Guide at <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/family-guide>. Printed copies of the 2017 Family Guide are available in the Extension Office. Here you will find descriptions of these and all of the 4-H projects that are available.



Camping Corner

Only **7** more months until we are able to make the trip to 4-H Camp Palmer!!!! 4-H Camp is a wonderful place where everything in the world is right and every minute is special. Please take the time to discuss 4-H camp with your friends and family. The cost for 4-H Camp for 2017 will be \$180 for 4-H members and \$200 for non-4-H members. As in previous years, scholarships will be available to help defer some of the cost. Keep your eyes open for the 2017 4-H Camp enrollment form as well as the 2017 Scholarship form. When they are available they will be announced on Facebook and you will also receive an e-mail message.

4-H Camp Counselors will be starting to plan for 4-H Camp beginning January 15th. Each counselor will complete a minimum of 24 hours of training to be sure that everyone who attends camp is well cared for and has a great time. In the next edition of the Clover connection, we will announce the 2017 4-H Camp Counselors.

Dates for Counselor meeting and trainings for the year will be: Lock-In – January 15 (starts at 4:00 PM) thru January 16th – (Ends at 3:30 PM); Meetings - February 13 (6:00 – 8:00 PM); March 13 (6:00 – 8:00 PM), March 18 (time TBD, Held at 4-H Camp Palmer), April 10 (6:00 – 8:00 PM); June 5 (6:00 – 8:00 PM), June 20 (11 AM – 2 PM).

Mark July 9th thru July 13th, 2017 on your calendars now for Paulding County's 2017 4-H Camp. Our camp counselors and adult staff will be excitedly waiting for these dates when we all get to go back to 4-H Camp Palmer. Everyone should be excited to return to the place where memories and lifetime friends are made.

Camp Counselors Reminder: 4-H Camp Counselor Lock-In is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th thru Monday, January 16th.

Over-the-Counter Drugs

Veterinary Feed Directive

Effective: January 1, 2017 or Sooner



What these federal regulatory changes mean to you and your livestock operation:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the distribution and use of Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) drugs and animal feeds containing such drugs.

What is a VFD?

According to the FDA, it is a "written (nonverbal) statement issued by a licensed veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice that orders the use of a VFD drug or combination VFD drug in or on an animal feed".

How does it work?

This written statement authorizes the client (owner of the animal(s) or other caretaker to obtain and use animal feed bearing or containing a VFD drug or combination VFD drug to treat the client's animals only in accordance with the conditions for use approved by the FDA.



The information below summarizes the two very important changes about drugs you may have used in the past to manage the health of your livestock.

To Be PRESCRIBED

All water soluble antibiotic and sulfa products that were labeled for administration via water will require a written prescription from your Veterinarian of Record with whom you have a Veterinary-Client Patent-Relationship (VCPR). Livestock producers would need to have the VCPR to be able to buy these drugs/products.

What species are included?

Cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry as well as other food producing species are included (e.g., honey bees, fish).

When these new changes become effective?

January 1, 2017 or sooner, depending on when the manufacturer changes the labeling. Some suppliers that were able to sell these drugs/products in the past may not be able to sell them after January 1, 2017. Consult your veterinarian for more information.

Questions:

Please contact your local Veterinarian of Record or OSU Veterinary Extension at 614-292-9453.

To Be VFD

Drugs that you may have purchased in the past as over-the-counter to be included in your feeding program(s) will now require a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) from your Veterinarian of Record with whom you have a valid Veterinary-Client-Patent-Relationship (VCPR). If you are planning to continue using the drug(s) listed as a VFD in your feeding program, a VFD for each drug is required to be able to buy the drug/product. VFD drugs must be followed exactly as per label.

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Examples of “Water-Use” and “Feed-Use” Drugs/Products

To Be **PRESCRIBED**

Examples of drugs/products classified as “prescription”:

- Oxytetracycline HCL Soluble Powder (Contains oxytetracycline HCL)
- L-S 50 Soluble Powder (Contains lincomycin and spectinomycin)
- Sulfamed-G Soluble Powder (Contains sulfadimethoxine)
- Di-Methox Soluble Powder (Contains sulfadimethoxine)
- Strike III Type B Medicated Feed (Contains hygromycin B)

To Be **VFD**

Examples of drugs/products classified as “VFD”:

- Aureomycin 4G Crumbles (Contains chlortetracycline)
- Scour-Ease Medicated (Contains neomycin and oxytetracycline)
- SAV-A-CALF Scours & Pneumonia Treatment (Contains neomycin sulfate and oxytetracycline)
- Calf Medic Plus (Contains neomycin and oxytetracycline)

What is a veterinarian-client-patient-relationship?

A veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR) is defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association as the basis for interaction among veterinarians, their clients, and their patients and is critical to the health of your animal.

The practical explanation is that it is a formal relationship that you have with a veterinarian who serves as your primary contact for all veterinary services and is familiar with you, your livestock/animals, and your farm operation. This veterinarian is referred to as your Veterinarian of Record (VoR), and both the VoR and the client should sign a form to document this relationship. You can download a VCPR template developed by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association Drug Use Task Force at:

<https://vet.osu.edu/extension/general-food-fiber-animal-resources>

This can be thought of as similar to having a primary “family doctor” where that individual is the one whom you consult with regarding prescription needs, changes in health status, or specialized services. Because the VoR somewhat regularly provides veterinary services to you, they may be able to provide consultation over the telephone. Having an established VCPR is important to help protect consumers and avoid residues in meat and milk.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Prevention of disease at the herd level requires an ongoing and constant effort with effective coordination of the whole system (animals, feed/water, facility, environment, and personnel). Consult with your veterinarian and nutritionist for more information.

VETERINARY EXTENSION

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- 1) **Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD):**
<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm071807.htm>
- 2) **FACT SHEET: Veterinary Feed Directive Final Rule and Next Steps:**
<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm449019.htm>
- 3) **Veterinary-Client Patent-Relationship (VCPR) template:**
<https://vet.osu.edu/extension/general-food-fiber-animal-resources>
- 4) **List of “feed-use” and “water-use” drugs:**
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/UCM465054.pdf>
- 5) **Blue Bird Labels:**
<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/Products/AnimalFoodFeeds/MedicatedFeed/BlueBirdLabels/default.htm>



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Project Spotlight

This edition of the Clover Connection spotlights Project 531 – Science Fun with Electricity. This beginning electricity project book includes eleven kid-friendly and time-tested experiments about static electricity, currents, electromagnetism, electric motors, and electric light. Each experiment has a brief introduction, a supply list, and step-by-step instructions that bring an electrical concept to life. This project, like all others, requires additional supplies to be purchased.

Youth who have rated this project on Project Central have given it an overall rating of 4.3 Stars. Check out this project if you have an interest in learning how electricity powers our world.

