

# The Clover Connection



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

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# Welcome

## Michael's Note

The 2017 Paulding County Fair ended with wonderful success on June 17<sup>th</sup>. More than 450 youth from Paulding County displayed wonderful 4-H and FFA projects which showed what was learned over the course of the year. 4-H Camp was the next major event on the 4-H schedule and 155 youth, 6 adults, and 29 Cloverbuds invaded 4-H Camp Palmer to find out "WhoDunnit". The last large event of the 2017 4-H year was the Ohio State Fair where forty eight (48) youth represented Paulding County. Sixteen (16) of these youth made the travel back to Paulding County with 21 awards total.

The growth of the 4-H program in Paulding county has greatly excited me. I hope that 2018 brings continued growth. Not only have our enrollment numbers increased, but so has the programming that is offered. Inside this edition of the Clover Connection I will introduce some of the new programming that we have put in place in Paulding County. This growth will help the 4-H program in Paulding County continue to meet the needs of the youth and families of this great county. Please remember, if you have any questions about any of the programs or events that are offered here or across the state, I am only a phone call away.

Best Wishes,

*Michael Schweinberg*



## 4-H Updates

4-H in Paulding County is gearing up for another exciting 4-H year. Officially, youth are able to be enrolled in 4-H for the 2018 year beginning October 1, 2017. Youth ages 5 and in Kindergarten through youth who are 7 and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are eligible for our Cloverbud program. Youth ages 8 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through the age of 18 will be registered as 4-H members. These ages are based off of the age of the youth as of January 1, 2018. We are always looking throughout Paulding County for youth who are interested about what 4-H has to offer and ask all of you to share your experiences with everyone you know. The benefits of being a 4-H member are tremendous and we would like for every youth to have the opportunities to gain from these benefits. 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](mailto:Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu). Information regarding enrollment

forms can be found below.

## 4-H Membership Enrollment

4-H enrollment for 2018 is now online. This change will allow families to log into the 4-H Online database to update personal information, clubs, and projects. Club advisors have been trained on the process of enrollment and will be helping members and families. Our office will also walk you through the steps of enrollment if you want to get your enrollment completed before your meeting. Please keep in mind when completing 4-H enrollment that you accurately fill out all areas. It is important to have correct addresses and e-mails in order to ensure that all mailings are received. Enrollment for new and returning 4-H members is due by January 5, 2018.

## Project Update for 2018

The 2018 project changes have been released by the State 4-H Office. This list can be found in the Ohio 4-H Family Guide that will be available after October 24th. This guide is already available online. To view it

online head to [ohio4h.org](http://ohio4h.org). Click on the families link, then on Family Guide.

## **When am I able to order my books for next year?**

4-H books can be ordered at any time. If you already know what project you want to take in 2018, you are able to order the book through the Extension Office and get started on the project 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.

With our county fair being the first in the state and shortly after school lets out for summer break, it is important to think ahead. If books are ordered before winter you will have Holiday breaks as well as all of our snow days to work on your projects. If you are unsure of what projects you would like to take or are offered through 4-H please check out Project Central at <http://ohio4h.org/projectcentral>. Here youth 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 visit this web-

site out and rate the projects you completed last year so other youth across the state can get an idea of what it was like to complete 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 for 2018 will take place on Monday, November 20, 2017 in the Extension Hall starting at 6:00 PM. This event will teach the officers of the Paulding County 4-H Clubs how to complete their duties as an officer of their club and fill out the needed paperwork that goes along with their position. All elected Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, News Reporters, Health Officers, Safety Officers, and Recreation Leaders should be in attendance. Please have your club officer elections completed before this training. Also, it would be a great idea to check your club's Constitution to be sure that it states election of officers will take place no later than the middle of November. This training will be conducted by the Collegiate 4-H program from Bowling Green State University.

During this time we will also have an advisor meeting to discuss club finances and audit. It is required that at least one advisor from each club be in attendance for this meeting.

## **The Dog Program is Back!!!**

We are excited to announce that Paulding County has started their dog program. This year the dog program will focus on Obedience and Showmanship. Meetings are held on Sundays from 3 - 4 pm in the Otto Jacobs building. Meeting dates that have been scheduled so far are: Oct. 29, Nov. 5, and Nov. 19. Meetings should continue to follow this schedule of trainings for two weeks and one week off.

If you are interested in being a part of this program you must have up to date vaccination records for your dog on file in the Extension Office before your dog can be on the Fairgrounds. Youth are also required to have a permission to participate dog form on file. Youth are required to have their dog on a leash for both obedience and showmanship. The leash must be six feet long and attached to a collar. If you are interested in this program and would like more information, please contact the Extension Office.

## **Paulding County 4-H Shooting Sports Program**

The Paulding County Shooting Sports program will be holding an introductory

meeting on Thursday, November 16th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Youth Leadership Building. If you are interested in being a part of this program be sure to come to this meeting. If you know anyone who is interested in being a part of this program and they are not currently in 4-H, please invite them to come. Disciplines covered in this program include: Rifle, Pistol, and Archery.

## **What is Your Club Up To?**

The local newspapers have asked if clubs have any information about what they have been doing in their meetings, for their community service projects, and if they have any special activities coming up. I have decided to reach out to all of our amazing clubs to see if you would be interested in submitting information to the Extension Office about club happenings. This information could be shared with the newspapers as well as on our county website and Paulding County 4-H Facebook page. We would not need something turned in every month, but if you do something special in your club, I would like to hear about it. This is the time to show how special and important 4-H is in Paulding County. Articles and/or pictures with captions are encouraged.

## **4-H Clubs in Paulding County**

**5-H 4-H Saddle Club** - Key Advisor -

Pam White

**Blue Ribbon Workers** - Key Advisor -  
Brenda Doster

**Brown Betty and Buster Browns** -  
Key Advisor - Jerrolyn Parrett

**Campground Kids** - Key Advisor -  
Ryan Noggle

**Country Clickers** - Key Advisor -  
Mary Kupfersmith

**Countryside Kids** - Key Advisor -  
Beth Schweinsberg

**Doe-C-Doe** - Key Advisor - Gabe  
Oberlin

**Flatrock Jr.Farmers** - Key Advisor -  
Dan Howell

**Happy Bunch** - Key Advisor - Amanda  
Miller

**Jr. Leaders** - Advisors - Krisi Williams  
and Linda Reineck

**Leaders of Tomorrow** - Key Advisors -  
Jerry and Cherry Klopfenstein

**Livewires** - Key Advisor - Susan Miller

**Modern Miss and Mister** - Key Advi-  
sor - Amber Zuber

## Ohio Youth Capital Challenge

Exceptional community citizenship is one of the values that makes 4-H, FFA and Farm Bureau such successful organizations. These groups are partnering to bring the Ohio Youth Capital Challenge to you. Here is your chance to get involved and have a hands-on experience that will enable you to make your community a better place. Applicants must be in at least the ninth

grade and between the ages of 14 and 18 during the 2017-2018 school year. Applicants are expected to have concern for local community issues and a desire to be more involved. Cost to youth is \$30 upon selection. Up to 40 youth will be selected for the challenge. Participants will need to be ready to travel to Columbus for Phase One of the challenge. They will work in their assigned team during the off months developing a policy and presentation. Teams will travel back to Columbus for Phase Three to give their presentations. Winning teams from Phase Three will come together at the 2018 Ohio State Fair to compete with their final presentations. Applications for Ohio Youth Capital Challenge are due on January 12, 2018. Applications can be found at [ohioffa.org/ohio-youth-capital-challenge](http://ohioffa.org/ohio-youth-capital-challenge).

## Amazon Smile

The Paulding 4-H Advisory Committee has opened an Amazon SMILE account. What this means is that if you normally shop at Amazon.com you need to use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). You will then do a search for Paulding 4-H and choose the Paulding 4-H Advisory Council. By doing this, you will be giving back to Paulding County 4-H. We will get .5% of eligible purchase prices donated back to us. There is no cost for you to use this and 4-H benefits from your purchase. This will also work if you are an Amazon Prime member. Please remember Paulding County 4-H as you complete your holiday shopping this year.

## **Paulding County Extension Office Receives I-Pad Grant**

The Paulding County Extension Office received a grant from the Paulding County Area Foundation for 10 Apple I-Pad Mini 4's. These I-Pads will be used for programming in both the 4-H and Agricultural/Natural Resources areas. We would all like to thank the Paulding County Area Foundation for this wonderful addition to our programming.

## **2018 Paulding County 4-H Calendars**

The 2018 Paulding County 4-H Calendars are being finalized as this newsletter is being finished. These calendars will be made available to all 4-H Club advisors beginning next week. The calendar will also be posted to our website.

## **Paulding County Advisor Trainings**

Over the summer and fall months I have had many thoughts on how we can make Paulding County 4-H stronger. One area that keeps popping up is trainings for our Club Advisors. We have had quite a few new advisors register in the last couple years and I feel that offering focused trainings will

greatly benefit, not only the newer advisors, but all advisors. I will be starting an advisor training series beginning with the financial training meeting scheduled the night of Officer Training. I will then hold monthly meetings from December thru April. These meetings will be focused on one or two topics and will be designed to clarify current policies and procedures through Ohio 4-H. Meetings will be conducted in-person with an option to join these trainings via a program called Zoom. More details about the advisor trainings will be coming out to all advisors.

## **2018 Livestock Possession Dates**

The 2018 Livestock possession dates are now available on our website. Click on 4-H, then on the Paulding County Fair tab. We will also have copies in the office for those who want to stop in and pick them up. One change this year is the **SUGGESTED** born dates for beef and dairy beef feeders. This date has been moved from December 1 thru February 1 to December 20 thru February 1. This is due to the number of feeders we have that are at maximum weight weeks before fair starts. If you have any questions regarding this change you can contact Lonnie Miller, Tony Miller,

or Michael Schweinsberg.

## Steer Tagging

Beef and Dairy Beef steer tagging for the 2018 Paulding County Fair will take place on Saturday, December 2nd from 9 to 11 am. If you are planning on bringing a steer to the Paulding County Fair in 2018 you must have the steer tagged at this time.

## Turkey Orders for the 2018 Paulding County Fair

Again this year, Cooper Farms will be sponsoring youth who are interested in completing a turkey project through 4-H or FFA. Cooper Farms will be donating the first 5 turkeys to each eligible youth. Additional turkeys can be purchased for a minimal fee. Order forms are available on our website or by contacting the Extension Office. Forms can also be picked up during normal business hours in the Extension Office. Turkey orders are due to the extension office no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, December 15th. Turkey pick-up is scheduled on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Payment for turkeys in excess of the 5 free turkeys is due on or before the scheduled pick-up date. The turkey possession date for the 2018 Paulding County Fair is on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

## Important Dates

- 11/10 - Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- 11/10 - K of C Fish For Benefitting 4-H
- 11/18 - National Family Volunteer Day
- 11/20 – Officer Training 6:00pm Extension Hall
- 11/21 – 4-H Carateens Program
- 11/23-11/24 - Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/27 - 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting 6:00pm
- 12/2 - Steer Tagging and Weigh-In for the 2018 Paulding County Fair
- 12/8 - Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 12/11 - Advisor Training 8:00 pm in YLB or by ZOOM
- 12/15 - Turkey Orders Due to Extension Office
- 12/25-12/26 – Extension Office Closed for Christmas Break
- 12/27-12/28 - Camp Counselor Interviews
- 1/1/2018 – Office Closed for New Years Day
- 1/5/18 - Membership Deadline for Paulding County 4-H
- 1/5/18 - Buckeye Leadership Workshop Scholarship Due
- 1/6/2018 – OFMA Junior Fair Annual Conference
- 1/8/18—Advisor Training 8:00 pm in YLB or by ZOOM
- 1/10/18 – 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

# OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Livestock Requirements

Paulding County Jr. Fair 2018

All Junior Fair members exhibiting an animal at the Fair must complete a Quality Assurance Program and Animal Skillathon

ANIMAL	Birth Date Range	Possession and Tagging Date	Limits Weight/Age/Sex	Health Requirements
<b>Beef Steer</b> (market animal)	Born after Dec. 1, 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. in December at Fairgrounds. <b>Dec. 2, 2017</b>	Min. Weight of <b>875 lbs.</b> to be eligible for championship classes	DUNF Form
<b>Dairy Beef Steer</b> (market animal)	Born Nov. 1, 2016 through Jan. 1, 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. in December at Fairgrounds. <b>Dec. 2, 2017</b>	Min. Weight of <b>875 lbs.</b> to be eligible for championship classes	DUNF Form
<b>Beef and Dairy Feeder Calves</b>	<b>**Suggested Date**</b> Born Dec. 20, 2017 through Feb. 1, 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. in April at the Fairgrounds. <b>April 7, 2018</b>	Min. Weight of <b>350 lbs.</b> to be eligible for championship classes Max. weight: <b>650 lbs.</b>	DUNF Form
<b>Goats (market)</b>	Born Oct. 1, 2017 through Jan. 1, 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. in April at the Fairgrounds. <b>April 7, 2018</b>	Min. Weight of <b>50 lbs.</b> to be eligible for championship classes	DUNF Form
<b>Goats (dairy or harness)</b>	Variable	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. in April at the Fairgrounds. <b>April 7, 2018</b>	N/A	DUNF Form
<b>Rabbits</b> (fryers and meat pens)	March 27, 2018 through April 2, 2018	Tattooing on May 14 and May 15, 2018. <b>Possession date is May 14, 2018</b>	Weight of each rabbit of meat pen is to be between <b>3.5 and 5.5 lbs.</b>	DUNF Form
<b>Swine (market)</b>	Farrowed Dec. 1, 2017 through Jan. 1, 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. in April at the Fairgrounds. <b>April 7, 2018</b>	Min. Weight of <b>190 lbs.</b> to be eligible for championship classes	DUNF Form
<b>Sheep (market)</b>	Born Dec. 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. in April at the Fairgrounds. <b>April 7, 2018</b>	Min. Weight of <b>90 lbs.</b> to be eligible for championship classes	DUNF Form
<b>Horses</b>	N/A	Must have updated photo/form on file by May 2, 2018	N/A	DUNF Form
<b>Dogs</b>	N/A	Must have photo ID on file by May 2, 2018	N/A	Vaccination Record. DUNF Form

**Minimum Weights:** Minimum weights have been set for the following market animals: Swine, Steers, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Feeders. Animals that do not meet the minimum weight will show in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Class for a premium grade only. The judge will not award placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Class.

**Minimum Weights and Livestock Sale:** Market animals that do not meet the minimum weight will NOT be permitted to go through the sale ring for a premium bid.

# 4-H Poultry Possession Dates 2017

All 4-H members exhibiting a market chicken or turkey project may purchase their project from the Paulding County Extension office by the date indicated. These projects must be picked up on the date indicated. Payment is due at the time of pick-up. The Extension Office WILL provide the documentation to the Paulding County Fair for the health requirements for the poultry purchased through the office (Pullorum free hatchery papers). The paperwork provided to the Paulding County Fair does not include the DUNF Form. The DUNF Form must be completed by the youth exhibiting the animal. All Junior Fair members exhibiting an animal at the Fair must complete a Quality Assurance Program as well as complete Skillathon.

Animal	Order Due Date	Pick-Up Date	Age at Fair	Min. Weight at Fair	Health Requirements
Turkey Meat Pen of Two Hens	Dec. 15, 2017	Jan. 23, 2018	18-20 Weeks	14 lbs. per bird	Pullorum free hatchery papers or have proof of a blood test for Pullorum. DUNF Form.
Tom Turkeys	Dec. 15, 2017	Jan. 23, 2018	18-20 Weeks	28 lbs. per bird	Pullorum free hatchery papers or have proof of a blood test for Pullorum. DUNF Form.
Chicken Meat Pen of Three	March 22, 2018	April 25, 2018	7 Weeks	3.5 lbs. per bird	Pullorum free hatchery papers or have proof of a blood test for Pullorum. DUNF Form.
Geese Meat Pen of Two	Order on your own	March 20, 2018	12 Weeks	10 lbs. per bird	Pullorum free hatchery papers or have proof of a blood test for Pullorum. DUNF Form.
Duck Meat Pen of Two	Order on your own	April 25, 2018	7 Weeks	5 lbs. per bird	Pullorum free hatchery papers or have proof of a blood test for Pullorum. DUNF Form.



# 2017 Ohio State Fair

Paulding County was represented by 48 youth showing both livestock and still projects at the 2017 Ohio State Fair. 16 of these youth returned home with 21 awards. We are very proud of these individuals and their accomplishments. Their hard work, dedication, and determination has proven that you are able to achieve your goals if you keep focused.

The 2017 Ohio State Fair award winners from Paulding County include: Maggie Cox (Outstanding of the Day for Cake Decorating, Intermediate, Junior), Crystal Klopfenstein (Clock Trophy for Intermediate Individual (age 12-13) Holiday Card Design with the use of computer; Outstanding of the Day in Fast Break for Breakfast, Junior), Adyson Hormann (Honorable Mention for All About Dogs), Joseph Schmidt (Outstanding of the Day for Welding), Hannah Molitor (Outstanding of the Day in Loungewear), Adrienne Rosswurm (Outstanding of the Day in Clothes for High School and College), Jacob Klopfenstein (Clock Trophy for Health and Safety Speaking Contest, Senior), Kristin Wannemacher (Outstanding of the Day for Self-Determined Project, Junior), Luke Stouffer (Outstanding of the Day for Measuring Up, Junior – Unit 1), Kalyn Strahley (9<sup>th</sup> Place Western Horsemanship, 15 years old), Tianna Cooper (9<sup>th</sup> Place Hunt Seat Equitation, 12 years old; 8<sup>th</sup> Place Ranch Pleasure, 9-12 years old; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Horse Skillathon, 12 years Old), Autumn Banks (7<sup>th</sup> Place Pony Pole Bending, 14-18 years old), Emma Elkins (7<sup>th</sup> Place Pony Pole Bending, 9-13 years old; 5<sup>th</sup> Place Junior Pony Keyhole Race; 9<sup>th</sup> Place Junior Pony Stakes Race), Hanna Farr (2<sup>nd</sup> Place Market Poultry Showmanship, 17 years old), Moriah Griffiths (1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior Berkshire Gilts), and Clint Spangler (3<sup>rd</sup> Place Junior Simmental Influence – Jr. Yearling).



# Camping Corner

The 2017 Paulding County 4-H Camp was held at 4-H Camp Palmer July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. The week was filled with “fun and excitement for all campers and counselors. Campers spent their days swimming, dancing, canoeing, ziplining, completing team building exercises, playing Gaga ball, watching skits around a campfire, spending time with friends as well as meeting new friends, and so much more.

Attendance for the 2017 Paulding County 4-H Camp was extraordinary. We had 129 campers, 26 counselors, and 21 Cloverbuds attend 4-H Camp this year. CDs of the 2017 Camp Slide Show and pictures for the week are still available for a cost of \$5.

We would like to send out a special thank-you to Krisi Williams, Audrey Stechschulte, Clete Stechschulte, Maggie Wilhelm, Austin Conlon, Karen Schlatter, and Ellise Koenn. Without these amazing adult volunteers, 4-H Camp in Paulding County would not be as successful and exciting as it currently is.

Camp Counselor applications are available online at [paulding.osu.edu](http://paulding.osu.edu) as well as in the Extension Office. Youth need to be at least a sophomore in high school to apply. Dates for Counselor events for the year will be: Interviews - December 27 and 28; Lock-In – January 14 (4:00 PM) & January 15 – (Ends at 3:30 PM); Meetings February 12 (6:00 – 8:00 PM); March 12 (6:00 – 8:00 PM), April 9 (6:00 – 8:00 PM); June 4 (6:00 – 8:00 PM); Cookout - June 19 (11am - 2pm).

Keep an eye out after the first of the year when 4-H Camp registration forms will be available. 4-H Camp will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is an opportunity that you don't want to miss.

Camp Counselors Reminder: 4-H Camp Counselor Applications are due to the office by 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 8, 2016.



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## Project Spotlight

This edition of the Clover Connection spotlights the Young Engineers in Solar Energy project. This nationally peer reviewed project will help you jump-start your career in engineering with this hands-on introduction to the sun as an energy source. Nine activities lead you through the nature of light, Earth's relationship to the Sun, and the technology that allows us to use its energy. Directions for simple make-at-home scientific instruments are included. You can check out a sample of the project book at [projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org). You can also look at the resources for this project at [ohio4h.org/youngengineers](http://ohio4h.org/youngengineers).

This project book will be available in November 2017. This project is not yet state fair eligible.

