



**The Clover Express**  
**Stark County Newsletter for 4-H/Youth Development**  
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**In case of bad weather:** Go to Canton 1480  
AM WHBC for 4-H/Extension cancellations at:  
<http://whbc.com/>

**You, the volunteers make our Stark County  
4-H Youth Program strong! Thanks and keep  
up your great work!!**

**15th Annual Stark County 4H Swiss Steak  
Dinner: Sat., April 25th** at Nimishillen Grange,  
4:30pm-7pm. Tickets available for purchase. This  
is the largest fundraiser of the year. Come out and  
support your Stark County 4-H Program.

**2009 4-H Club Enrollment Packets:** were sent  
to organizational advisors. 4-H Advisors/  
volunteers and youth are asked to each complete  
a member form. Contact the Extension office if  
you have not received a packet or if you have  
questions 330-830-7700 x102. Deadline to enroll  
is March 15th annually.

**4-H Volunteer Selection & Age Guideline Re-  
view:** All adults who help with youth two or  
more times or are ever alone with the club MUST  
complete the OSUE Volunteer Process, including  
application, reference checks and official finger-  
print background check. **4-H Ages:** youth from  
ages 5 AND in kindergarten to eight years old  
may join as Cloverbud members; **4-H Project/  
Club age:** youth 9 years old (or 8 yrs in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)  
to age 19 (last year of 4-H is the year in which the  
youth attains the age of 19) .

**4-H Book Orders:** orders must be placed on or-  
der form, check payable to OSUE must accom-  
pany order. Please allow for 2 weeks for book  
orders due to limited storage space and reduced  
budget. Books must be picked up at office.  
Please call the office before your trip to pick up  
items. Due to our small staff, office may not be  
opened all times due to illness, meetings, etc.  
Thanks!!

**4-H Dog Committee:** contact David if  
interested in the 4H Dog Committee.

**4-H Home Economics Committee:**  
Meeting April 8th 6:30pm at North  
Branch library-25<sup>th</sup> St.; **4-H Fashion  
Leadership Board will be forming  
soon.**

**THE OHIO RABBIT & CAVY  
CLINIC,** Sat, March 21, 2009, Cham-  
paign County Fairgrounds  
Registration at 4-H Activity Building  
8:45 – 9:15 AM; No Registration Fee  
Questions call, April LeMaster-Rabbits  
(937) 869-4396.

**4-H Day at Cedar Point** Friday, June  
27th. On this day, 4-H members, volun-  
teers, and friends can visit Cedar Point at  
a reduced rate.

**NEW Junior Fair & 4-H website:**

<http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com/>  
Make sure to visit each specie's page  
through the barn door, link to 4-H page  
for Home Ec project information, 2009  
Stark County 4-H Project Guidelines,  
etc. Let this serve as your one stop in-  
formation site for Stark County Junior  
Fair and Stark County 4-H! We would  
love suggestions of what you would like  
on the site, feel free to contact David or  
Pam with ideas.

**Catch Lots Of Very Exciting Reading  
materials located at:**

[http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com/blog/?  
tag=2009+CLOVER-Reads&cat=29](http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com/blog/?tag=2009+CLOVER-Reads&cat=29)

**The Stark County 4-H CLOVER  
Reading Program** offers Stark County  
4-H youth a chance to earn recognition  
for learning more about their project  
areas, improve their reading ability and  
help their club by performing reading-  
related community service. Prizes will  
be awarded at Extravaganza. The  
county's top CLOVER point earners will  
receive a prize! All Stark County 4-H  
youth (age 5-18) are eligible to enroll in  
CLOVER. ALL Cloverbuds will receive a  
participation rosette. Final report forms  
available.

**New OSU Animal Science Web Page  
at:** <http://4hansci.osu.edu/> This in-  
cludes horse, dog, companion animal  
and livestock pages.

**4H Horse Committee-meetings** are the 1st  
Wednesday monthly, at the Harmont/Rt 62  
McDonalds, 7:30pm. Anyone with an interest  
in the horse program is welcome to attend. We  
are always looking for ideas and volunteers!  
**Helmets are now mandatory for any 4-Her  
riding or driving, including 4-H meetings.**

April 18 we will be having our 1st tack swap  
at the fairgrounds. Tables will be \$10 for 4-H  
groups. May 17 is our beginners show with  
classes for 1st time kids and classes for ex-  
perienced youth. June 14 is our state qualifier,  
pre registration is required, please call to re-  
quest a packet. Aug 2 we will have an open  
show. All shows are at Massillon Saddle Club  
show grounds and start at noon, rain or shine.  
Our 2nd annual Trailride/Banquet will be at  
Trico Oct 3, more later. Horse committee is  
raffling a 16" brown leather /fabric saddle to  
benefit the horse program, tickets can be pur-  
chased from any committee member \$1 each  
or 6 for \$5. Gail Phares 330-488-1268 or shi-  
loh@neo.rr.com

**The Stark County Cattleman's Association  
will be hosting, Youth Loans & Facilities**

**Funding Program,** Barb Stoll, USDA/Farm  
Service Agency (FSA), Tuesday, March 24th  
at 7pm at PBS on Richville Dr in Massillon.

**Stark County 4-H Advisory Quality Assur-  
ance Training for 4-H Club delivery of QA**

**Program.** Monday, March 30th at 6:30pm at  
the Extension Office. New advisors and past  
certified advisors required to attend in order to  
be able to teach QA 4-H Club Program in  
Stark County. No registration required, but  
we will be tight in our meeting room. Come  
prepared to have fun, learn requirements, 10  
Good Production Practices and hands on QA  
activities.

**Annual Open House at The Ohio State Uni-  
versity College of Veterinary Medicine :**

Do you know anyone considering a career in vet-  
erinary medicine? If so, please invite them to  
attend the Annual Open House at The Ohio  
State University College of Veterinary Medi-  
cine, Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 a.m. -  
3:00 p.m. For a complete list of events and to  
register, please go to our website at  
[www.vet.osu.edu](http://www.vet.osu.edu), select admission, choose  
Open House. If you have questions about the  
Annual Open House, please call (614) 292-  
8831 or send an e-mail to  
[students@cvm.osu.edu](mailto:students@cvm.osu.edu).

### Stark County 2009 Junior Fair Update

I would like to thank everyone in the Junior Fair/4H family for all of your support during the loss of my son. I always knew we were a special bunch, and we stood by each other through "thick and thin", but I never realized how much. The support that my family has received has been overwhelming. And with that support, my family and I are getting through this one day at a time. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

**Quality Assurance:** There will be one more countywide Quality Assurance on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 2:00 pm at the fairgrounds. This will be the last countywide quality assurance that we will be having.

**Market Beef:** Home visits for all market beef projects will be March 7, 2009. Please make sure your animals are where the committee can find them!

**Sheep:** The mandatory skillathon and quality assurance for sheep project members will be on Saturday, April 4, 2009, beginning at 9:00 am at the fairgrounds. If you cannot attend, you must contact a member of the sheep committee for a make up date and time.

**Rabbit:** There will be a rabbit clinic on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 pm for all first and second year members taking rabbit and cavy. This clinic is highly recommended for first and second year members. All persons interested are invited to attend.

**Poultry:** There will be a poultry clinic on Mon., May 4 at 7 pm in the Art Hall at the fairgrounds for all first and second year members taking a poultry project. Deposits of \$15.00 for broiler projects will be taken at the clinic. Deposits will also be taken at the junior fair coordinator's office on Thurs., May 14, 2009, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. All other deposits must be made at the coordinator's office during normal office hours. **NO DEPOSITS ARE TO BE MADE AT SENIOR FAIRBOARD OFFICE AFTER MAY 12!**

**Chick Pick-Up for Project #152 (Broilers) will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.**

**TAG-IN: Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the fairgrounds.**

Hogs: 8 am – 11 am New Arena

Sheep: 8 am – 11 am Sheep Quonset

Market Goats: 9:00 am – 11:00 am Sheep & Swine Arena

Dairy Beef Feeders: 10:00 am – Noon Behind Dairy Barn (Outside the fence)

**Swine:** There have been a few changes for the day you bring your pigs to the fair. Please make sure that everyone knows of these changes! **Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)**- Must be turned in to committee member **BEFORE** your pigs can be unloaded! Make sure these forms are filled out correctly and signed by member and parent. If you do not have your completed forms, you will be unable to unload your pigs! You must have your pink weigh-in slip that you will receive at weigh in on June 6. If you do not have your pink slip, you will be unable to unload your pigs! You will need to track down the junior fair coordinator to get a copy from her office! All ear tags must be legible! Take a few minutes before you leave home and make sure that the ear tags can be read! Also, there have been some changes on the requirements of the books for the swine projects. **FIRST YEAR PROJECT MEMBERS** must have a book and complete the beginner project section of your book. All other members must have a completed feed record, starting and finished pictures of your pigs, and a one page report on your swine project. The report must be a minimum of 100 words. Make sure your name, club name, and the number of years in wine project are in the upper right hand corner of your report! Any questions, please contact a member of the committee or the junior fair coordinator.

**Dairy:** Cheese Contest - Pre registration due May 25, 2009 to the Jr. Fair office; Dairy Feeders - Possession Date April 15; Tag-in June 6, 2009 10 AM - 12 Noon at the Fairgrounds

**2009 Pygmy Goat Project dates and information:** **Pygmy Goat Clinic:** Saturday, July 18, 2009, in the sheep and swine arena at the fairgrounds. Noon-2:00 p.m. Children are to bring their pygmy goat on a short lead and be ready to practice showmanship. Any information the committee has for them will be distributed as well. Parents are welcome to stay and watch as well!

**Pygmy Goat Interview/Book Judging:** Saturday, August 15, 2009, in the Jr. Fairboard Office at the fairgrounds. Noon-2:00 p.m. Children are to bring their completed project book (one level for each year you have taken this project) and their completed record book for each goat coming to the fair this year. (No goats are to come for project judging day.) Your Interview/Book Judging is mandatory to complete the pygmy goat project. If you cannot come on this day, you **MUST** call before and reschedule a time with the pygmy goat committee. Any member that does not call before that day will not be rescheduled for a makeup date. We will not be making up interviews during fair week unless it is prearranged with a committee member.

**Stark County 4-H Advisory Quality Assurance Training for 4-H Club delivery of QA Program.** Monday, March 30th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

**REMEMBER—ENTRY DEADLINE FOR JUNIOR FAIR IS JULY 24, 2009.**

#### **Rate My 4-H Project**

4-H members and their project helpers can now give feedback about their project experiences on a continual basis by accessing [www.ohio4h.org/ratemyproject](http://www.ohio4h.org/ratemyproject). For the time being, RateMyProject is not much more than an opportunity for people to share their opinions. Eventually, we hope to be able to share their collective responses, so that everyone would be able to see opinions about particular projects. (That might be a long way off . . . but working on it!)

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**\*\*Please contact Phyllis for club registration changes/updates, reserving 4-H Tub of Books, Skillathon Kits-dog, horse, clothing, foods/nutrition, Cloverbud kits, QA Activity notebooks/kit & 4-H Book Orders.**

**\*\*Please contact Pam Baad, Jr fair Coordinator for: Feed kits, Livestock skillathon kits-dairy, rabbit/cavy, goat, beef, swine**

**Let's have a GREAT 2009 Stark County 4-H Project year!! Volunteers are the Heart of our 4-H Program-  
Thank you for all your dedication, leadership and commitment- You are GREATLY appreciated!!**



**4-H Club/Member Registration Deadline:**

**Stark County– March 15, 2009**

**Stark County 4-H Swiss Steak Dinner:**

**Saturday, April 25, 2009**

**2009 4-H County Judging Dates:**

**Thursday, July 16th Clothing/Style Revue;**

**Saturday, July 18th Foods/Extravaganza/Dog/Cloverbud**

**Stark County Fair**

**September 1 - 7, 2009**

**Ohio State Fair:**

**July 29 - August 9, 2009**

**New Stark County Junior Fair/4-H Website:**

**<http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com>**

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**David C. Crawford, County Extension Director  
& Extension Educator, 4-H/Youth Development**

**Thank you volunteers!!**

**You are greatly appreciated!**

**“Tell me & I forget; Teach me & I remember;  
Involve me & I Learn!” Ben Franklin.**

**Happy New Year 2009!**



Logo plates for customers who wish to support Ohio 4-H Youth Development are now available. Requests for special Ohio 4-H plates may be made at any local [Deputy Registrar's office](#), through a kiosk at your local Deputy Registrar's office or by calling the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at 1-800-589-TAGS (1-800-589-8247), Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). All specialty plates have an additional fee collected. \$15.00 of the annual fee collected from the sale of Ohio 4-H specialty plates is given to Ohio 4-H and is earmarked for 4-H programming.

**Thank you Stark County Commissioners for your continued support!!**

**Todd Bosley, Dr. Peter Ferguson, Tom Harmon**

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**[Check out 4-H Volunteer fact sheets at:](http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/kids.html#4HS)**

**[Ohio 4-H Clubs Advisor On-line Handbook:](http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org/)**

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