



The Clover Express
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New Jr Fair/4-H: www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com

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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!!

4-H Volunteer Selection & Age Guideline Review: 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 fingerprint 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 3rd grade) to age 19 (last year of 4-H is the year in which the youth attains the age of 19) .

4-H Dog Committee: June 8 at 7:30pm at Wendy's N. Market across from Giant Eagle-Walsh Univ. Contact David if interested in the 4H Dog Committee.

4-H Home Economics Committee: Meeting July 20th 6:30pm at North Branch library-25th St.; Look at the judging information. **4H Skillathon Foods & Clothing Kits available for learning by reserving at Extension Office thru JULY 1st ONLY-No Late reservations.**

5th & 10th Year member Awards: please contact Millie Augenstein with 4-H member's names & club at 456-1011 to reserve your 4-H year awards for clothing and food projects by July 3rd.

4-H Foods & 4-H Clothing Information Packets available to print or save at: <http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com/index.html?p=otherProjects>

Link to sewing or foods and go to downloads for packets, guidelines, etc.

The 2009 Stark County Fair will be here sooner than we know! This year's theme is: Stark County Through The Years 1809- 2009. Let's help Stark County celebrate their 200th birthday!

4-H Day at Cedar Point Friday, June 27th. On this day, 4-H members, volunteers, 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 information 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 reporting materials located at:

<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. Final reports are due by **Friday, June 19, 2009.**

New OSU Animal Science Web Page

at: <http://4hansci.osu.edu/> This includes horse, dog, companion animal and livestock pages.

Stark County 4-H Horse Judging Team Forming At the request of several 4-H members, we are forming a horse judging team this year. State judging competition will be July 30 at the Ohio State Fair. The first practice will be Thursday, May 7 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at Laura Miller's house. Practices will be held in various locations so that we may judge different horses. Any 4-H youth interested in learning more about horse judging is invited to attend practices. For more information, contact Laura Miller at (330) 875-1538 or at Ponylandlauram@neo.rr.com

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.**

The beginners show is May 17, we have classes for new youth and classes for more experienced youth, the open show is August 2. The flyers are in the horse packet and listed on the new website at the horse page. June 14 is the State Qualifier for those who would like to take their horse to the State Fair, forms are online and the deadline is June 1st. **4-H Horse project (ID) registration forms are due to the Extension office June 1- no exceptions.** Please read the horse rules, there are deadlines for sponsors and shot records and signups if you are showing Stark Co. Fair. Laura Miller is coaching Stark Co's horse judging, practice starts May 7. We have openings for juniors and seniors. (330)875-1538. Hippology competition is June 18, Call Gail if you would like to be on the team, or have any questions. Please call or e-mail Gail - 330-488-1268 or shiloh@neo.rr.com New local Jr fair/4H Site: Go to: <http://starkcountyjrfair4h.com/blog/?cat=18> and look for calendar of events, fun learning games, practice skillathon sessions, county rules, registration packet, PAS Qualifier packet and much more.

2009 Stark County 4-H Swiss Steak Dinner

Fundraiser was a Great Success: Great job to all who helped at the Swiss Steak Dinner!! A great fundraiser event, close to 600 dinners served. Couldn't happen without great volunteer leadership and youth helping! Nancy Biller, Carol Kralik & Nancy Berg provided great leadership and coordination. Let us know if you would like to help with the organization of event for 2010. Great food, great weather, great baskets, great people! What an Event!! Thanks to the Nimishillen Grange for use of the facilities too!

COUNTYWIDE QUALITY ASSURANCE

CLINIC: There is one last county wide QA clinic scheduled for Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 pm at the Art Hall at the fairgrounds. This will be the last countywide quality assurance clinic for the year! Advisors- please remember that all QA's done in the club setting must be turned in to my office by June 30, 2009.

Stark County 2009 Junior Fair Update

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

The 2009 Stark County Fair will be here sooner than we know! This year's theme is: Stark County Through The Years 1809-2009. Let's help Stark County celebrate their 200th birthday!

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Poultry: A poultry clinic for first and second year members will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Art Hall at the fairgrounds. Broiler project deposits can be paid that evening. We will also be taking deposits for the broiler projects on Thursday, May 14, 2009, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Junior Fair Office. **NO DEPOSITS ARE TO BE LEFT AT THE SENIOR FAIR BOARD AFTER MAY 12!** Poultry Interviews: Thursday, August 13, 2009, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You must bring your book, a written report (minimum of 100 words), current feed records, and current pictures. Make up date is August 31, 2009 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Sheep: A clinic for first and second year members will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Coliseum at the fairgrounds. Come out and get some pointers from the committee and junior fair members! TAG-IN: Saturday, June 6, 2009 8:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. **SHEEP MUST HAVE SCRAPIES TAG BEFORE ENTERING FAIR GROUNDS!** Showmanship Clinic: The committee will be having a showmanship clinic for all interested members on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 6:30 pm at Estock's farm, 5395 Nickelplate Ave., Louisville. You can reach Marlene Estock at (330) 875-7341 with any questions.

Dairy: Cheese deadline is May 25, 2009. All papers must be sent to Jr. Fair Coordinators office, PO Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708. Cheese test papers are due at the coordinator's office by May 15. Tag-In: Dairy Beef Feeder Tag-in will be on Saturday, June 6, 2009, 10:00 am – Noon at the fairgrounds. All feeders must be haltered. Vaccinations are mandatory. Please make sure the vaccinations are listed on your entry form. Dairy Market Steer Carcass: Weigh-in and live evaluation will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2009 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds. Cooler evaluation will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Kiko Meats, Minerva. Skillathon: Saturday, August 22, 2009, 10:00 am – Noon at the fairgrounds.

Swine: Tag-In for hogs is June 6, 2009 8:00 am – 11:00 am at the fairgrounds. No erysipelas vaccinations will be given at tag in. It is highly recommended that your animals have 2 erysipelas vaccinations before fair. Skillathon: Saturday, August 15, 2009 and Sunday, August 16, 2009 between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Skillathon is mandatory. Make up date is August 30, 2009 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Carcass: Weigh in for carcass will be Tuesday, August 25, 2009 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Don's Custom Meats, Waynesburg. Cooler evaluation will be Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 2:00 pm at Don's Custom Meats. All processing charges must be paid upon pick up at the processor.

Beef: Showmanship Clinic: Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Carcass: Weigh in and live evaluation will take place at the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 23, 2009 from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Cooler evaluation will be Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Kiko Meats, Minerva. A meeting for participants, advisors, parents will take place at the live evaluation on August 23, 2009, at 6:30 pm. At the fairgrounds.

Rabbit: Skillathon and showmanship: Saturday, August 22, 2009, starting at 9:00 am. Pre-Registration clinic will be Saturday, July 18, 2009, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, at the fairgrounds.

Dairy/Market Goat: There will be goat clinic on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 10:00 am at the fairgrounds. This clinic will cover feeding, clipping, showmanship. Please bring your animal to work with! Tag-In: Saturday, June 6, 2009, 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the fairgrounds. All animals must have a scrapie tag before entering the fairgrounds! Skillathon: Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 10:00 am at the fairgrounds.

Pygmy Goat: Clinic: July 18, 2009 Noon – 2:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Bring goats on a lead to practice showmanship. Interview/Book Judging: Saturday, August 15, 2009 Noon – 2:00 pm at the fairgrounds

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. For the time being, RateMyProject is not much 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!)

Stark County 4-H Contacts: David C. Crawford, CED & 4-H Extension Educator 330-830-7700 x115 crawford.228@osu.edu
Phyllis McMaster, Office Associate 330-830-7700 x102 mcmaster.15@osu.edu ; Pam Baad starkjrfaircoord@aol.com 455-7856.

**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!!

2009 Stark County 4-H Project Judging Updates:

Clothing Judging will be Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Judging (9:30am) & Style Revue (7:30pm) will take place at the Chapel in Marlboro, located on State Route 619, 1/2 mile east of State Route 44, 6 miles NW of Alliance, and 6 miles E of Hartville. Participants need to arrive for Style Revue at 7:00 p.m. Narration Form for Style Revue due by July 1st to Extension Office.

Extravaganza will be Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the Stark Co. Fairgrounds in the Exhibit Building. Registration will be from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please make sure your members bring completed project books and display board for each project. No animals permitted, bring poster, pictures, etc. to judging.

Food and Nutrition Judging will be Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the Stark Co. Fairgrounds in the Commercial Building. Registration will be from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please make sure your members bring project books and materials listed in county project guidelines. **Please remember no food should be brought to judging this year.**

Cloverbud Sharing will be Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the Stark Co. Fairgrounds in the Commercial Building. Sharing will begin at 9:30 a.m. Cloverbuds can sign in between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Cloverbuds need to bring a poster they created.

Stark County 4-H Demonstration Contest will take place Tues., July 14, 2009 from 10a.m. at the Extension USDA Office. In order to better prepare our judge and make sure youth have the best judging experience possible, we need you to share the information with your club members. The youth must complete & return a Demonstration Registration Form below. Judging criteria is listed on the Registration Form to help youth prepare. Please have youth complete the Demo form & return to our office by July 1, 2009. Good Luck!

NEW-4-H Dog Grading: Saturday, July 18, at Extravaganza judging table. **Do NOT bring your dog. Bring your 4H Dog project books and a notebook or display board of your accomplishments and learning activities. NEW! There will be 2-3 Dog Skillathon Stations to complete at judging also. 4-H Dog Skillathon Kit is available for practice by reservation, contact Phyllis at 330-830-7700 x102.** There will NOT be State Fair 4-H Dog Selection Show due to new entry process for 4-H Dog State Fair participation. All Dog Project youth are eligible to register and participate at the Ohio State Fair-registration entry forms MUST be signed by advisor and 4-H Educator by July 6th and returned to OSF by July 13 in order to participate. <http://southcenters.osu.edu/4h/dog/>

Stark County 4-H Demonstration Evaluation Rules

All Stark 4-H youth may enter, excluding past state fair demonstration clock trophy winners. No animals for county event. You can use photos, models and posters. Judges will evaluate each demonstration as indicated on registration form. **All pre-registrations for demonstrations MUST be submitted/post marked to 4-H Office by July 1, 2009. July 1st is a Sunday, please mail by Saturday. There is not a local mail box at our office to drop off.**

Demonstrations, individual or group, must be between 6-12 minutes, or 10 points deducted. A "team" will consist of two people sharing speaking and teaching roles, same age groups. Ages: Junior-13 or under; Senior-14 or over; age as of January 1. **All seniors must use a computer presentation for their presentations.** All demonstration topics, materials and posters must be selected and prepared by youth. No materials may be shared. A different topic by the individual from previous year must be used. Horse and photography topics are permitted in this competition but will be judged separately. A microphone will not be used-speak loudly! Tables, easel, laptop/LCD projector will be provided for local contest. **No firearms, bows or arrows are permitted on fairgrounds and may NOT be used in demonstration. Plastic replicas are NOT permitted.** Posters, pictures, etc. are acceptable. **Demonstration & Self determined projects** registrations due July 1 (please complete Demo/Self-Determined registration form at end of this newsletter and return to Extension Office by July 1. *Clothing -Style Revue-narration form* due July 1 to Extension Office-will be mailed to all clothing youth registered.

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Stark County 4-H Demonstration & Self-Determined Project Pre-registration
Due to OSUE/4-H Office July 1, 2008 (postmark of July 1st is fine)

Mail to: OSU Extension, Stark County, Demo/ Self-determined projects, 2650 Richville Dr. SE Suite 100, Mass., Oh 44646 **FAX 330-830-7720**

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

4-H Club: _____

TOPIC of Demonstration: _____ demos to be held at Extension Office- Tuesday, July 14th. Please circle demonstration class: Individual or Team

(Team member name: _____ Age: _____) must be of same age

Please list TOPIC of Self-determined project: _____

to be judged at Extravaganza -July 18th.

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4-H Club/Member Registration Deadline:

Stark County– March 15, 2009

4H Horse Project Identification Forms Deadline:

June 1st to Extension Office

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– NEW

<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 Spring 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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