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AM WHBC for 4-H/Extension cancellations.

4-H Motto: "To make the best better"

SAVE ACME receipts for 4-H. Please turn in receipts to the Extension Office thru March 08. You, the volunteers make our Stark County 4-H Youth Program strong! Thanks and keep up your great work!!

14th Annual Stark County 4H Swiss Steak Dinner: Sat., April 19 at Nimishillen Grange, 4:30pm-7pm.

4-H Club Enrollment Deadline - March 15th.

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: next meeting Tuesday, March 24; 7:30 PM Wendy's, Market Ave N Canton, Wash. Square. **Everyone is welcome to share ideas about the dog project?**

4-H Dog Information Meeting-Mon., April 21 at 6:30pm. At Extension Office. **Lucinda Miller**, State Companion Animal 4-H Leader will visit with us and review the Dog Program, state fair, new resource materials and other companion animal questions.

4-H Dog Drill Team-Attention all 4-H dog enthusiasts! Stark County 4-H is forming a new 4-H Dog Drill Team. Stark County 4-H will be sending a 4-H Dog Drill Team to the Ohio State Fair in August. Dog and 4-H youth member will

be part of a team, which will perform basic obedience drills jazzed up with costumes, music, and dance steps. To participate, 4-H youth must currently be enrolled in a 2008 4-H dog project. The fun begins weekly on Mondays, March 17, 7:00 PM at Morning Mist Farm in Alliance. For more information and directions, contact Drill Team Coach Katie Cogan 330-352-6791 or 4-H Advisors Andrea Margida 330-680-3375, Alena Soehnen 330-484-3734. Please join us for a great evening! Team guidelines, selection procedure will be available at a later date.

Kool Kats 4-H Dog Clinic and Fun Show will be held May 3 in the Art Hall at the Stark County Fairgrounds. Admission is free and all youth interested in learning about the 4-H dog program are encouraged to attend. Only Stark County 4-H youth who have registered a dog project may bring their dogs to the clinic and/or show. Current vaccination records and 2008 Stark County dog licenses will be required. The morning clinic will begin at 10 am and feature showmanship, obedience and rally obedience. Registration is not necessary for the clinic. The Kool Kats 4-H club is hosting a concession stand. A limited number of fund raising tables will also be available to 4-H clubs on a first-come basis. There will be a Cloverbud "stuffed or costume doggie" activity during the lunch break, followed by the dog show in the afternoon. Entry forms for the fun show must be received by the April 12 preregistration deadline to take advantage of the \$2 per class entry fee. Entries (\$3 per class) will also be taken the day of show up to 11:30 am. 1st through 4th place ribbons will be awarded for each class along with high-point awards (same dog/same youth) for the day. This is an excellent learning opportunity for youth new to the dog program or those preparing for the State Fair dog competition. For more information, a show flyer and entry form, or to reserve your club's fund raising table, please contact Laura Miller at 330 875-1538 or Koolkats4hclub@aol.com

4-H Home Economics Committee: Meeting April 9 6:30pm at North Branch library-25th
Home Economics Workshop Day -March 1, must have pre-registered.

Stark County 4-H Fashion Board Forming-watch for further details !!

4-H Horse committee- Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at the McDonalds at Harmont And Rt 62, 7:30pm, everyone interested is welcome to attend. This year we will be having a learner's show May 18. There will be classes for the first year rider plus classes for the more experienced rider. Our open show will be August 10. Also new this year- we will be having our own PAS show June 22. THE PAS SHOW HAS A SIGN UP DEADLINE OF MAY 1ST. We have forms and proof of shots is required. The fee for Stark County youth is \$15, out of county youth is \$20, payable before the show date. Please have a horse show rule book available (#179) so your kids will have the proper tack and attire. We follow this rulebook for our shows. Our junior Horsebowl team competes in Columbus April 12. Any one interested in being on our Hippology teams, please give let me know! That competition is mid June, we'll have 1 or 2 practices. I'll need to know by May 1 to form teams. Portage, Summit, Stark tack swap is May 3 at the Randolph fairgrounds. If you want to rent space to sell your tack, I will have forms. It is \$10 for a 10 x 10 space. June 1 is the deadline for registering your horse project (to Extension Office). July 25 is when the fair entry is due to the Junior Fair Office. **NO late entries!** Skillathon is August 24 and our Fair show is Sept 1st. There will also be a Groom and Clean contest August 29, any team wanting to compete, we have sign up forms. The horse packets will be out soon, please look over this carefully and read the enclosed rules for our county. Gail Phares 330-488-1268 or shiloh@neo.rr.com

Milkshake Stand Request- Its not too early to confirm your 4-H Club spot with John Hunter to host the milkshake stand at the 08 Stark County Fair. Please contact John at: JHUNTOU812@aol.com or (330)484-2471.

Ohio 4-H Week (March 2-8) is approaching quickly!

New Junior Fair/4-H Website Coming Soon watch for information!!!

14th Annual Stark County 4-H Advisory Committee Swiss Steak Dinner Plans are underway for the 14th Annual 4-H Advisory Committee Swiss Steak fundraiser dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Nimishillen Grange, Easton Street, Louisville. Help is needed from all clubs with the following:

Advance ticket sales, tickets are now available. Contact Carol or Nancy to get tickets to sell! Return money, unsold tickets and number of tickets sold by Wednesday, April 16.

Advertising by placing posters in various locations to help advertise the dinner.

Raffle donation/ideas: gift certificates; theme baskets, any store donated items or homemade items. To help brown steak 8:00 a.m., April 19. Set tables. Pie and cake donations – to be delivered to the grange between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Workers for the dinner – to serve dinners, dishwashers, and kitchen help. Two shifts are available 4:15 to 6:00 p.m. and 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. Clean-up 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Items still needed for the 2008 dinner:

26 gallon of green beans

5 - 5# bags of flour

2# of dried onion flakes

3 # coffee

6 cans 48 oz. of beef broth;

Money donations-to help with additional purchases such as meat, dinnerware, etc.

Raffle Baskets-The Swiss Steak Dinner is FAMOUS for these fabulous baskets!

Workers

Pies and Cakes-We have spectacular desserts-Stark County 4-H has some very talented bakers!

Contact: Nancy Biller 330-875-3437 or Carol Kralik 330-875-8714

Call Nancy or Carol to help with any of the above.

Tickets for Clubs to sell are available!! Contact Carol or Nancy to get tickets to sell.

Ruth Ann Dickerhoof Scholarship for 4-H SheepYouth: contact Bruce Dickerhoof, after April 1st at 330-821-3284 for information regarding Stark County 4-H youth interested in market lamb project monetary support through scholarships. Good luck!

4-H Youth Welding Workshop, April 19, 2008 @ OSU, Sponsored by The Ohio State University, Ohio 4-H, Lincoln Electric.

Please link to the 4-H Engineering Site for registration form & workshop schedule at:

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~4heng/Welding/youthweld.htm>

Veterinary Early Commitment Program for Students Interested in Food Supply Medicine

This is a new program available to students majoring in Animal Sciences at The Ohio State University. It is a partnership between Ohio State's College of Veterinary Medicine and the Department of Animal Sciences in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Students can apply during spring quarter of their second year. A maximum of ten students and two alternates will be selected to participate in the Program each year. When possible, one seat will be reserved for a swine-focused student and at least one seat for a poultry-focused student. For more information about this program visit http://ansci.osu.edu/students_undergrad.html

4-H Essay Contest- The Emerald / Echo Arbor of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society is holding a 4-H Essay Contest. Tell us how 4-H has helped you and tell us about your 4-H project. Essays are due April 30, 2008. Cash Prizes will be awarded July 20, 2008. For more information contact Rachel Gadow at (330) 875-0800. Mail essays to Rachel Gadow, Emerald/Echo Arbor #742, 5065 California Ave, Louisville, Ohio 44641. We are members of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society joining together to complete worthwhile projects that benefit our community. Our Arbor is dedicated to serving the family as a unit, the foundation of the American way of life. Thanks to Bill & Kathy Hummell, 4-H Advisors for sharing this great opportunity!!

State 4-H Ambassador Applications Being Accepted Through May 30 This is a reminder that Ohio 4-H Ambassador applications are due to the State 4-H Office by May 30. Ambassadors are the youth spokespersons for Ohio 4-H, and have many exciting opportunities for statewide leadership during their year of active service and beyond. The application form is available here:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/ambassadors/index.html> All Ohio 4-H'ers are eligible who: a) are a high school freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior on January 1 of the current year; b) have achieved the standards of excellence outlined as criteria for the program; c) are approved by their 4-H Educator as good representatives of the Ohio 4-H Program, d) have a permanent residence in Ohio during the time they wish to serve as Ambassadors; and e) have not previously been a State 4-H Ambassador. All State 4-H Ambassador applicants who meet the "standards of excellence" criteria and are approved by their 4-H Educator as good representatives of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program will be invited to become State 4-H Ambassadors and attend the State 4-H Ambassador Orientation Program and Installation Program on Tuesday, June 10 at The Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus. After one year of representing Ohio 4-H as State 4-H Ambassadors; active Ambassadors who complete the program requirements will be recognized and receive "Graduate Ambassador" status at a special ceremony.

Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer Leader Training Registrations Due Registrations are due by March 15 for the statewide 4-H PetPALS Master Volunteer Leader Training. The statewide training is Saturday, March 29, at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Older youth who want to serve as Teen Leaders in their 4-H PetPALS clubs may also attend this training. Please refer to web site for the Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer Leader Position Description and Registration materials.

4-H Book Orders: orders must be placed on order form, check payable to OSUE must accompany 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 Day at Cedar Point will be held Friday, June 27th. On this day, 4-H members, volunteers, and friends can visit Cedar Point at a reduced rate. Flyer at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/EventsandOpport/index.html>

March/April Stark County Junior Fair-2008 Newsletter Information

Dairy/Market Goat Clinic: March 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds. This clinic is for anyone interested in taking a dairy goat or market goat to the fair. Discussions on choosing your animal, feed and nutrition, hoof trimming, etc.

Beef Home Visits: March 1, 2008. The beef committee will be making home visits on Saturday, March 1 to check all market beef projects. Please make sure that your animals are penned up where the committee can see them.

Rabbit Clinic: Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Art Hall at the Fairgrounds. This clinic is for all junior fair members taking a rabbit project. All first and second year members are encouraged to attend.

Poultry Clinic: Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Art Hall at the Fairgrounds. This clinic is for all junior fair members taking a poultry project. All first and second year members are encouraged to attend.

Sheep Clinic: Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Art Hall at the Fairgrounds. This clinic is mandatory for all sheep project members as this is your skillathon for the fair. This clinic will also qualify as a quality assurance for sheep members. If you cannot attend this clinic/skillathon, you must contact a member of the sheep committee for a make up date.

Dairy/Market Goat: Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Art Hall at the Fairgrounds. This skillathon is for all members taking a market or dairy goat to the fair.

2008 Stark County Junior Fair Theme Deadline is March 31, 2008. The theme will be chosen in early April. Please e-mail to me at starkjrfaircoord@aol.com or send to PO Box 80279, Canton, OH 44708.

Quality Assurance is MANDATORY for all junior fair exhibitors taking a market or lactating animal to the 2008 Stark County Fair. We will be doing the quality assurance the same as last year's 4-H Club QA Program by certified advisors. The quality assurance manuals are available from my office or from Dave Crawford at the Extension office. I am looking forward to another great year! Thanks to all the volunteers who make this program as great as it is! Also, thanks to Dave Crawford for all the work he does! Without Dave, this program (and my job) would not be what it is – the best! Pam Baad, Stark County Junior Fair Coordinator.

Dairy Committee: Cheese Contest pre-registration is due May 25, 2008 to Jr. Fair office. Dairy Feeder Calf: Possession date is April 15, 2008. Please be aware of the weight limits when buying calves. Every Dairy project member and Dairy Feeder Calf project member needs 2008 rules when they become available.

2008 Pygmy Goat Project Dates: Pygmy Goat Clinic: Saturday, July 19, 2008, in the sheep and swine arena at the Fairgrounds. Noon-2:00 p.m. Bring goats on leads and be ready to practice showmanship. Any information the committee has for you will be distributed as well. Parents are welcome to stay and watch as well! If you have questions, please feel free to ask that day. Pygmy Goat Interview/Book Judging: Saturday, August 9, 2008, in the Jr. Fairboard Office Building. Noon-2:00 p.m. Children are to bring their completed pygmy goat project book (one level for each year you have taken this project) and their completed pygmy goat record book for each goat coming to the fair this year. (No goats are to come for project judging day.)

**Advisors, make sure the 4-H youth are registered for the correct goat projects, the pygmy number has changed! The project number is now #136. "4-H Pygmy Goats (project materials currently available-same materials as in the past): Please register Pygmy Goat as #136, order same numbered books as past county projects as #136 Pygmy Resource Book (Yellow); 136R-Pygmy Goat Record Book; 136Yth-Pygmy Goat Youth Level Project Guide; 136ADV-Pygmy Goat Advisor Guide. (Pygmy Project Books were number 132 previously but are changed to 136 due to changing of state 4-H project registration numbers- Pygmy Goat project books are currently the same as in the past.) **Remember ALL pygmy goats MUST be Scrapie compliant BEFORE they come to the pygmy goat clinic and fair. We will be contacting you in the spring to go over these things. All goats will need their supporting paperwork with them at the clinic as well as at the fair and their pygmy goat will have to be tattooed (or tagged), whichever is applicable to their goat. This is the USDA rule, and there can be no exceptions. A USDA inspector could be present at any clinic and/or at the fair. 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. If you have any questions, or if you need help locating a quality pygmy kid for your project, call Kirstin Cheyney at 330-854-2496 or any Pygmy Goat Committee member for help! All children registered for a pygmy goat project will be contacted by a committee member by the end of April, so if you have questions be sure to jot them down for when they call.

CLOVER Reading Program - NEW FOR 2008: The deadline to register youth for the 2008 CLOVER reading program is March 15. Please turn CLOVER club registration forms into the Extension office. The reading period has been changed and now begins on March 15, 2008. CLOVER book report forms will be mailed to all clubs who have youth registered in the program. Youth should complete the forms and return them to the Extension office by June 20. Awards will be presented at Extravaganza.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony-Grand Opening—Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, OSU Campus: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Set for April 4, 2008. All are invited for the official opening of the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on Friday, April 4th, 2008. Please RSVP to Amelia Brashear by phone (614.292.4444) or 4hweb@ag.ohio-state.edu

What is the 4-H Center? The 4-H Center is a facility for youth, adult volunteers, community organizations, and all other Ohio State University partners. Thousands of Ohio Youth will be involved in 4-H Development programs and activities. This state-of-the-art Center will be available to Ohioans, people across the nation, and those around the world seeking better youth development practices. Learn more at: <http://www.ohio4-hcenter.org/>

Thank you for 4-H Bags of Hope Service Project Contributions: Many thanks to everyone who contributed fabric, notions, toiletries and time for the Teen Conference 4-H Bags of Hope Service Project. More than 150 one-of-a-kind totebags were assembled last Saturday and filled with all kinds of items needed by women and children in battered women's shelters. 179 Teen Conference participants took part in sewing the bags, with assistance from Master Clothing Educators, as well as several State 4-H Fashion Board members. The completed bags are being distributed through shelters in southwestern, central, and northern Ohio. In addition, there were enough supplies left over for at least 100 more bags. GREAT JOB OHIO 4-H TEENS!!

4-H Club/Member/Advisor Registration Deadline:

Stark County– March 15, 2008

Stark County 4-H Swiss Steak Dinner:

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Stark County Junior Fair Entries Due:

July 25, 2008 to Jr Fair Office

Stark County Fair Dates:

August 26– September 1, 2008

Quality Assurance Program Completion deadline:

June 30, 2008

Ohio State Fair:

July 30 - August 10, 2008

Stark County Agriculture Educator Position Posted:

Application deadline March 9, to apply go to:

<http://extensionhr.osu.edu/jobs.html>

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Thank you volunteers!!

You are greatly appreciated!

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

Happy Spring!!

2008 Stark County 4-H Judging Events

Thurs., July 17, 2008: Clothing Project Judging-9:30am The Chapel in Marlboro; Style Revue-July 12 7:30pm at The Chapel in Marlboro

Sat., July 19, 2008: Food/Nutrition-Extravaganza-Cloverbud Sharing-9am-; 4-H Dog Project Judging/Activity -at Fairgrounds Art Hall.

Tues., July 15, 2008 Demonstrations at Extension Office, Richville Drive SE, 9am-noon.

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

Todd Bosley, Tom Harmon, Jane Vignos



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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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