

# 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 4-H year continues to be strong. 360 youth have enrolled in 4-H in Paulding County this year. The numbers are spectacular. As we continue on in the year there will continue to be exciting opportunities for the 360 youth already enrolled in 4-H as well as opportunities for others to get involved with 4-H in Paulding County.

The new horse barn is almost finished. The Jr. and Sr. Fairboards will be completing the stalls in April, plenty of time to spare for the 2017 Paulding County Fair. The Fairboards have also announced that the funds for the project have been received in full but they are continuing to accept donations for additional items that would make the facility even better. If you are interested in learning more you can contact Francis Saxton of the Sr. Fairboard or Lisa McClure at the Paulding County Area Foundation.

Three volunteers and myself recently spent a three day weekend at Camp Ohio to participate in Shooting Sports training. What this means is that we will be starting a Shooting Sports program in Paulding County. More information will be available after additional planning has taken place.

Best Wishes,

*Michael Schwinsky*



## 4-H Updates

There are a lot of happenings going on in Paulding County 4-H over the next few months. Be sure to check out the calendar and read this edition of the Clover Connection thoroughly to be sure that you don't miss anything.

*Add/Drop Deadline for All 4-H Projects is March 17th*

### Paulding County 4-H College Scholarship

The purpose of the Paulding County 4-H College Scholarship is to help young people continue their efforts toward becoming self-directing, productive, contributive members of society. Applications for the Paulding County 4-H College Scholarship can be picked up in the Extension Office or found on the website. The deadline for submitting the application is Thursday, May 4th. One must be a Senior in High School to apply.

### Paulding County Agricultural Scholarship

The Paulding County Agronomy Committee Scholarship is for students pursuing a degree in agricultural or an agricultural related field in an Ohio based college.

Applications for the Paulding County Agricultural Scholarship can be picked up in the Extension Office or found on the website. The deadline for submitting the application is Thursday, May 4th. One must be a Senior in HS or graduate to apply.

### 4-H Website and Facebook

Have you checked out our website recently? I have posted new information including the 2017 4-H Calendar and 2017 Family Handbook. A helpful Parent's Guide brochure is also available which gives some useful information for members and parents. Please check the website frequently as the most up to date information will be found there first. The website address is [paulding.osu.edu](http://paulding.osu.edu). You will need to click on the 4-H tab on the left side of the page to find all of the 4-H information. The calendar on the right side will have all upcoming events scheduled through the OSU Extension Office, including 4-H events.

While you are checking out our website, please hop onto Facebook and like our page there as well. You can find us at by searching for The Paulding County 4-H Program. You will find posts about upcoming events and activities here as well as pictures and information about 4-H in

Paulding County and the youth who participate.

## Modeling Contest

Clubs should begin discussing who they will choose to represent their club for the 2017 Modeling Contest that is held yearly at the Paulding County Fair. Please remember, each club can have up to four club members plus any clothing project members entered in the modeling contest. Entries are due May 18th.

## Outstanding Livestocker

Applications for the Paulding County Outstanding Livestocker award can be found on our website or in the Extension Office. Outstanding Livestocker applications are due Monday, May 1st. Interviews for Outstanding Livestocker will be held Wednesday, May 17th.

## Calling All Seniors

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and I'm sure many of the Seniors have begun their count down. Paulding County 4-H wants to recognize all Seniors for their excellence. To do this, it is requested that all 4-H Seniors complete a Senior Information profile. Your Senior Profile will be mailed to your home address. If you have not received your profile by April 1st, please call Michael at 419-399-8225 to obtain one. The information you give on the profile sheet is what will be used to create our Senior Spotlight in the next newsletter. The profiles are due back no later than April 13th so they can be included in the next Clover Connection.

## Important Dates

### 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 at Extension Office

3/24 - Chicken Order Due to Extension Office

3/25 - Paulding County Quality Assurance  
9:00 am at Extension Office

4/1 - Feeder, Goat, Swine, Sheep Possession Date

4/1 - Livestock Tagging 9-11 am

4/4 - Livestock and Horse Lease Agreements due to Extension Office

4/6 - 4/9 - Equine Affair

4/10 - Camp Counselor Training

4/13 - Senior Profiles due to Extension Office

4/16 - Easter

4/21 - National Youth Service Day

4/25 - Duck Possession Date

4/26 - Chicken Possession Date

4/26 - Market Chicken Pick-up at Extension Office from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

4/28 - Self-Determined Outlines due to Extension Office

5/1 - King/Queen and Outstanding Livestocker Applications Due

Don't forget to include a Senior Picture or a picture of you with your favorite 4-H project.

## Horse Projects

Are you new to the horse projects or not quite sure what you will need to have done in order to show for the fair? Look below to find the information you will need.

All horses must have a horse identification form and photo on file by May 3rd. Youth and the horse must be included in the picture. Pictures need to be current.

All horse exhibitors must have an approved helmet (ANSI/SEI) in order to ride your horse on the fairgrounds at any time. The helmet must also be securely fastened under your chin.

All horse exhibitors must have read the Horses, Safety, and You Project Book (191R)

All horse exhibitors must view the two videos: *Every Time, Every Ride* and *Horses, Kids, and Ethics*.

A Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities Disclosure and release of Claims form must be signed and on file.

If leasing a horse, exhibitors must have a completed, signed lease agreement on file.

## Are You Leasing a Livestock Project?

All leased livestock and horses must have a lease agreement on file by Tuesday, April 4th. The lease agreement must contain the owner's signature, parent signature, and 4-H member's signature. This form may be picked up at the Extension Office or it can be e-mailed to you.

## 2017 Paulding County Jr. Fair Theme

The 2017 Paulding County Jr. Fair theme has been decided. This year's fair theme is "Let the Good Times Grow". All 4-H groups should be starting to discuss the fair theme and how they will incorporate this into their floats.

## Paulding County Jr. Fair King and Queen Contest

The Paulding County Jr. Fairboard is taking applications for the 2017 Paulding County Jr. Fair King and Queen. Applicants must be at least 14 years old as of January 1st of this year and be an active member in any Paulding County Youth Group. The Fair King/Queen applications can be found on our website, [paulding.osu.edu](http://paulding.osu.edu), under 4-H then Paulding County Fair. Applications are due Monday, May 1st and can be turned in at the Extension Office. Interviews for the King and Queen Contest will take place on Wednesday, May 17th. A list of expectations and responsibilities of the Paulding County Jr. Fair court can be found attached to the application.

## Family Guide

The 2017 Family Guide is now available on our website or in the Extension Office. This guide has all the information youth should need to understand what is needed to complete their project and judging at the county and state level. If you have questions about your project, please feel free to contact Michael.



## 4-H Camp Palmer Brick Memorial Fundraiser

4-H Camp Palmer is continuing to sell bricks as a fundraiser for the new pool. These bricks will be placed around the flagpole in main camp. For more information contact our office or visit 4-H Camp Palmer's website at [camppalmer.org](http://camppalmer.org).

## Skillathon

Skillathon is scheduled on Wednesday, May 31st. This event will start at 4:00 pm and will end at 7:00 pm. Parents should plan on youth taking about 30 minutes per species. There have been some changes this year that I want to be sure everyone is aware of. Below is an outline of these changes. If you have any questions about Skillathon please feel free to contact Michael.

- When you sign in at Skillathon your record book will be collected. A group of volunteers will be grading these books. The books will be returned to you as soon as they have been graded.
- Your face-to-face interview will be an actual interview. The interviewer will not be looking at your record books during this time. They will be asking you questions about your project to see what you have learned through your project experience.
- Skillathon grades will be very important. Youth ages 9-11 will be required to score at least a 65%, youth ages 12-14 will be required to score at least at 75%, and youth ages 15-18 will need to score at least an 85%. If you fail to meet the minimum score for your age group, you will not be eligible to show for grand or reserve grand champion.

Skillathon study guides are now available through the Extension Office. These study guides must be e-mailed to you due to copyright laws. If you would like a study guide please contact the Extension office by phone at 419-399-8225, e-mail Michael at [Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu](mailto:Schweinsberg.5@osu.edu), or Kristie at [schweller.12@osu.edu](mailto:schweller.12@osu.edu). The study guides will be very helpful in helping you prepare for Skillathon. The Winning 4-H Plan is available for any youth enrolled in 4-H who is also on an IEP at school. Contact Michael for more information.

# Livestock Information

Hopefully all individuals and families know that in order to show and sell your livestock and/or Horse at the Paulding County Fair you must complete Quality Assurance. This training will take place on Tuesday, March 21st from 6:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Extension Building on the Paulding County Fairgrounds. Youth participants will only need to be in attendance for one of the Quality Assurance trainings. All youth planning on bringing an animal to the 2017 Paulding County Fair must complete Quality Assurance by June 1 in order to show and/or sell their animal at the fair. It is also required in Paulding County that a parent/guardian be in attendance with the youth while completing Quality Assurance. If you are unable to attend these dates due to conflicts, please call our office at 419-399-8225 to find out locations of other area trainings.

**Chicken Meat Pen** (pens of 3, same sex) orders are due March 24th and payment will be due for the chickens when they are picked up on April 26th between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. The order form can be found online or in the Extension Office. If you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 419-399-8225.

**Livestock tagging** has been scheduled for April 1st from 9:00-11:00 am at the Fairgrounds. The Jr. Fairboard has asked for all animals to be brought in through the main gate (in front of the Extension Building). In order to bring Swine, Sheep, Dairy Feeder, Market Goats, or Beef Feeders, the animal must first be tagged. Remember, a participant may tag up to three animals for each species but may only bring two animals to the Paulding County Jr. Fair. The third tagged animal may be designated for the Open Class Show. The maximum number of trips through the sale ring is two, no matter how many market animals you are taking to the fair.

**Rabbit Tattooing** will take place on May 15th and May 16th at the Fairgrounds in the Rabbit Barn. Youth whose last name begins with letters A-L will need to be present with their rabbit/s for tattooing on May 15th. Youth whose last name begins with the letters M-Z will need to be present with their rabbit/s for tattooing on May 16th. Rabbit tattooing will begin at 5:00 pm both nights. As a reminder, all youth must possess their rabbits on or before May 15th in order to be eligible to show their animal at the Paulding County Fair.

**Skillathon** is currently scheduled Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. All livestock exhibitors must complete a Skillathon for each animal project he/she exhibits at the fair. Members who have not completed this requirement shall not be permitted to bring their animal to the county fair.



# Camping Corner

The Paulding County 4-H Camp Counselors are excited about the upcoming year. The theme for the 2017 Paulding County 4-H camp is WHO DUNNIT at 4-H Camp Palmer??? 4-H Camp will be held July 9-13 with Cloverbud Camp being held on Tuesday, July 11 near Harrison Lake at 4-H Camp Palmer. Camp scholarships will be available again this year.

Camp Counselors for the 2017 Paulding County Camp include: Autumn Banks, Connor Baumle, Charles Clapsaddle, Christine Clapsaddle, Madison Coyne, Anne Eklund, Alli Hefner, Aaron Horstman, Emma Horstman, Austin Howell, Rebecca McCroskey, Faith McDorman, Samantha Meggison, Estee Miller, Ashley Miller, Ellie Moore, Joseph Reineck, Joseph Schmidt, Matthew Stouffer, Faith Vogel, Hunder Vogel, Dylan Vogel, Brooke Weidenhamer, Hannah Wilhelm, Chet Clevenger, Kaitlyn Clevenger, and Meagan Todd.

The Camp Counselors have been working very hard to plan 4-H Camp for this year and are excited about the activities they have prepared so far. The excitement 4-H Camp Palmer and our counselors have to offer will send everyone home with the answers as to why they should come to camp every year.

Be sure you or your child does not miss out on the fun and excitement that 4-H Camp at Camp Palmer has to offer. Youth who have just completed the third grade through those who have just completed the ninth grade are eligible to attend 4-H Camp with Paulding County. Watch for the announcement of when 4-H Camp registrations become available so you do not miss out on all the fun and excitement. Make sure to tell all your friends and family about 4-H Camp as well and invite them to join. You do not have to be a 4-Her to go to camp but it is a great recruitment tool for future 4-Hers.



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## Project Spotlight

This edition of the Clover Connection spotlights the Teaming with Insects Project Collection. These project numbers are 644-646. In the 1st level, youth learn important background information regarding insects and focus on how insects look and move. In the 2nd level, youth make insect collection tools and expand on the basic concepts of biodiversity, invasive species, integrated pest management, and forensic entomology. The 3rd level has youth dig even deeper into entomology concepts and has youth take control of their learning by doing their own research using the scientific method and research materials. If you are “Buggy” about insects then you should check out these projects.

