

4-H Clover Chronicle



Belmont County Quarterly Newsletter

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2014 Belmont County Fair

Thank you to the Junior Fair Board members who worked very hard to organize and run a fabulous fair this year. Also thank you to all youth, parents, and advisors for your help at the fair! It is a busy, exciting and rewarding time for everyone and we appreciate all your help in making this year's fair a success.

Top photo shows the Royalty Court members with the Belmont County Commissioners after speaking at their town hall meeting at the fair. These young people spoke about how 4-H and the fair has impacted them in their lives and what they have learned as a result of being involved. From left to right are Commissioner Mark Thomas, Jordan Mehlman, Carly Schafer, Robby Kain, Commissioner Ginny Favede, Cassidy Garloch and Commissioner Matt Coffland. In front are Derick Garrison and Alyssa Betts.

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4-H News & Opportunities

Dairy Banquet

The 2014 Dairy Banquet will be held on **November 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** at Mehlman's Cafeteria in St. Clairsville. 4-H Dairy Youth participants will be recognized for their achievements, dairy production awards for local farmers will be presented and time for socialization and fellowship will be included. For more information contact the Extension office at 740-695-1455

2014 Fall Frozen Food Scholarship

Selling over \$250 and receiving a \$15 camp scholarship:

Brian Josefczyk
Caitlyn Toohey

4-H Publications

To Be Revised or Replaced

151 Poultry Production: Raising Pullets
152 Poultry Production: Raising Broilers
153 Raising Fancy Poultry
166 Raising Turkeys
168 Duck or Goose
179 Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
459 I Spy in the Kitchen
611 Let's Explore the Outdoors
751 Archery Member Record Book

To Be Discontinued

124R Techniques for Judging Dairy Cattle
481 Food and Fitness for Fun
482 Food and Fitness Choices for You
488GPM Team Up for Good Nutrition
554GPM ATV Safety Leader's Guide (online)
613 Exploring Our Forests
617 Exploring Ohio Ponds
625GPM Fishy Science
645 Exploring Our Insect World 2

Reverse Raffle

The Belmont County 4-H Reverse Raffle Committee will be having its 6th Annual Belmont County 4-H Reverse Raffle on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the James E. Carnes Center. Each 4-H club will once again have the opportunity to enter one theme basket to be offered at the Silent Auction that evening. Baskets could also be in the form of boxes, tins, wagons, totes, etc. The possibilities are endless. Each basket should be at a value of at least \$50.00. Participating clubs will receive an equal amount of the total proceeds from the Silent Auction. Drop off time for the baskets will be **after 5:00 p.m. on October 28th**, the night before the event at the Carnes Center. We look forward to seeing what your club's theme basket will be! Please contact Mary Mowrer (740-695-3668) or Kimberly Ogilbee (740-310-7948) if you have any questions.



End of Year 4-H Club and Member Awards

4-H Clubs of Distinction

The Ohio 4-H Clubs of Distinction award is given to all 4-H clubs who meet all the requirements listed on the application. Club organizational advisors should complete an application and return it to the Extension office by **December 1, 2014**. Applications are available online and at the Extension office.

Completed Livestock Record Books

All youth are encouraged to complete their livestock record books following the fair. A junior and senior division winner for each species will be awarded a cash prize. All completed livestock records should be turned in to your 4-H advisor to review the records and assure that you have calculated the costs of your project and figured the profit/loss. Then, advisors must submit a list of names along with the completed project record books to the Extension office by **December 1, 2014**.

Blue Ribbon Officer Awards

Secretaries, Treasurers and News Reporters are eligible to receive a blue ribbon award for their completed officer books or scrapbook (News Reporter). Officers interested in submitting their officer book or scrapbook (News Reporter) must submit it to the Extension office by **December 1, 2014**. Sample score sheets are available online. Each Blue Ribbon Award winner will receive \$25 cash. Officers must complete their own book or scrapbook to be eligible for an award.

Club Financial Summaries Due

Each club **must** turn in the Yearly Summary Report (which will be mailed to organizational advisors) to the Extension office by Friday, **January 31, 2015** for auditing purposes.

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4-H Volunteers

It is that time of year again when we start recruiting new 4-H volunteers.

A 4-H Volunteer is any adult who helps with the 4-H program in any way on a regular basis.

These may be “parents”, “helpers”, “committee members”, or “advisors”. However, whatever you call them, they must be an approved Ohio 4-H Volunteer, have an application on file in the Extension office and have passed an Ohio BCI fingerprint background check.

Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H Advisor or volunteer must fill out an application and be approved as an Ohio 4-H Volunteer before they can begin working with a club or committee. Applications can be picked up at the Extension office. Orientation meetings will be held after the first of the year at which time applicants will be given information on how to complete the background checks. **DO NOT HAVE BACKGROUND CHECK DONE PRIOR TO THESE MEETINGS – YOU MAY HAVE TO HAVE IT REDONE** as there are specific instructions that must be followed.

All new applications for the coming year are due January 1, 2015.

Applications for 2015 will not be accepted after that date.

Junior Fair Related Information

Steer Weigh-In

Youth planning to exhibit market steers at the 2015 Belmont County Junior Fair must attend steer weigh-in on **November 15, 2014 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** at the fairgrounds. Youth must have steer in possession by this date. Steers must be castrated & dehorned before weigh-in and weigh 350 lbs. minimum.

Attention Organizational Advisors

Premium checks will be mailed soon to the organizational advisors. Be watching for them in the mail. Turn around time to get these checks cashed and distributed to members will be quick.

Trophy and Award Thank You Cards

If you have not yet written a thank you for any trophy or award from fair including; livestock show trophies, still project trophies, Pepsi Awards and OPKs, please come to the Extension Office to fill out your thank you and pick up your award.

Livestock Sale Checks

The Junior Fair Livestock checks have not yet been mailed as of the publication date of this newsletter. The committee is still waiting on money from buyers. The checks should be mailed out within the next two weeks. So be watching for them in the mail.

As many of you may remember, Gateway Royalty announced at the sale they were giving **\$20 per animal that went through the sale**. As you will note on your check, the amount is added and no commission is taken. Please send a “Thank You,” their address will be on your print out.

Sale of 4-H or FFA Projects Have Tax Implications

Members raising livestock as part of 4-H/FFA educational programs and then selling the animals may be required to report taxable income. Check out the material on the web at: <http://ocj.com/2014/08/sale-of-4-h-or-ffa-projects-have-tax-implications/>



Celebrating 100 Year of Extension at the Belmont County Fair.



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FYF: For Your Fridge

A quick guide for upcoming events...call or email us with any questions!

October

- 14 Reverse Raffle Committee, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 16 Jr. Fair Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 18 Shooting Sports Final Shoot, Bethesda Sportsman's Club
- 21 Livestock Sale Committee, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 22 CARTEENS Program, EO
- 23 Senior Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., EO
- 29 Reverse Raffle Event, 5:00 p.m., Carnes Center

November

- 8 Fall Bowling Party, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., St. Clair Lanes
- 11 Veteran's Day- Office Closed
- 13 Horse Committee, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 15 Market Steer Weigh-In, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.,
Fairgrounds
- 19 CARTEENS Program, EO
- 20 Jr. Fair Board, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 20 Sr. Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., EO
- 27 Holiday- Office Closed
- 28 Holiday- Office Closed

December

- 1 Completed Livestock Record Books, Club of Distinction
& Officer Books Due. EO
- 3 CARTEENS Program, EO
- 4 4-H Council, 6:00 pm, EO
- 24 Holiday - Office Closed
- 25 Holiday - Office Closed



*We would like to welcome back **Dan Lima**, Ag & NR Educator as he returns from deployment. Stop by the Extension office to say, "hello" and thank him for his service with the Air Force Reserves!*