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Dear 4-H Volunteer,

My name is Allison M. Cooper and I am pleased to announce I have been hired through Ohio State University Extension as the new 4-H Youth Development Educator for Crawford County. As a lifelong resident of Crawford County, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to my hometown community.

In the past, I was an active 10+ year member of 4-H where I had the chance to participate in many activities including camp counselor, junior fair board, and club president. I also took a variety of projects ranging from market beef to photography. After high school, I attended college where I received my Master's Degree in Agriculture and Extension Education from The Ohio State University. Since my time in 4-H I met my husband Clay and we are currently living on the south end of the county. Clay is also a Crawford County native and he is currently an employee at Burkhart Farm Center.

I am excited to meet all the new volunteers in the program and re-connect with the current volunteers of the county. These first few months will be a learning experience for all of us but I hope that with time I will be able to address your concerns and answer any questions you may have. You may contact me anytime through my email cooper.2360@osu.edu or the office number is (419) 562-8731.

Thank you all for bearing with me and the rest of the staff at OSU Extension office while we adjust to the staffing changes. As you may know, all volunteers are required to complete an annual training as part of university policy. I have sat down and scheduled five training opportunities for our new and experienced volunteers. I will try to make them a valuable learning experience and I hope you find the trainings to be helpful as you start this new 4-H year.

All of the trainings will be held in the County Courthouse, Lower Level conference room. We would also appreciate if you could please RSVP to our trainings so we can plan accordingly.

Thursday, February 26th Head Advisor/ Organizational Volunteer Training 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Tuesday, March 3rd Open Volunteer Training 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Monday, March 9th Cloverbud Volunteer Training 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11th New Volunteer Training 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday, March 19th Open Volunteer Training 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Optional Training if you cannot attend any of the provided county trainings:

Multi County Erie Basin EERA Volunteer Retreat- Training Saturday, February 21, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
RSVP by February 13th. There is a \$6.00 per person cost to cover lunch and resources.

Thank you in advance for your patience as I adjust to the county educator role and please feel free to contact me or any other extension staff at the office with question or concerns (419) 562-8731.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison M. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "A" and a distinct "M" and "C".

Allison M. Cooper
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
Crawford County, Erie Basin EERA