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Hello Everyone! 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 was a scholarship winner. 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. My sophomore year of undergraduate school, I met my husband Clay and we were married this past April.

I cannot wait to see what 2015 has in store for you all as you take part in many different activities and programs we have planned for you. We will do our best to keep you up to date on all new rules and changes that may arise. Keep a look out for our monthly newsletters, refer to our county handbook, or check out our website at crawford.osu.edu for updates. If you have any additional questions or concerns during the year, please feel free to call our office at 419-562-8731. I am looking forward to meeting all the new participants in our programs and re-connect with the current participants in the county.

Sincerely,
Allison M. Cooper

Allison M. Cooper
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

2015 4-H Volunteer Training

As you may know, **ALL** volunteers are required to complete an annual training as part of university policy. There are currently five scheduled training opportunities for our new and experienced volunteers. These trainings are a valuable learning experience and can be helpful as you start this new 4-H year. There may be an additional make up meeting TBA if needed.

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**

Update on Volunteer Background Check

Thank you to all our selected 4-H Volunteers who took time out of their busy schedule to complete the background check requirement. The State 4-H Office is still updating the Ohio 4-H Database with results from BCI.

Club Financial Reports Due

We are still waiting on a few 4-H clubs to complete their Financial Reports for 2014. The link to the form is: <http://crawford.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/club-and-volunteer-information/club>. The form is located under "Club Finances" third link. This form you can type into and email it to: Crawford4h.osu.edu. The same form can be filled out by hand and mailed to our office or emailed to Crawford4h.osu.edu. **It is mandatory we have this form on file for your 4-H club to remain a club for 2015. If you are not sure your club has turned in the report, please call our office at 419-562-8731 to check.**

Bonnie as Ambassador

CONGRATULATIONS to Bonnie Welsh! It is with great pleasure that Bonnie Welsh has been selected as a 2015-2016 Ohio State 4-H Ambassador for Crawford County. Ohio 4-H Ambassadors are the youth spokespersons for Ohio 4-H. Each year outstanding 4-H teens who demonstrate excellence in 4-H achievement, citizenship, and leadership earn invitations to become Ohio 4-H Ambassadors.

Being a 4-H Ambassador is both an honor and a responsibility. Ambassadors serve as speakers, emcees, program facilitators, hosts or hostesses, committee members, and in many other youth leadership roles for 4-H and Extension programs and events throughout the state. Ohio 4-H Ambassadors are also tremendous role models who maintain the highest standards of excellence as they fulfill their 4-H pledge commitments of clear thinking, great loyalty, large service, and better living to make the best better in their clubs, communities, country, and world.

Good luck Bonnie!

4-H Camp Theme for 2015

"Under The Sea"

**Mark your calendars- June 19-22
Kelleys Island 4-H Camp**

2015 4-H Kick Off

The 4-H Kick Off will be held on March 8th from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, Youth Building.

What is the Kick Off? Well the 4-H Kick Off is a way to advertise to families in the community all 4-H has to offer. Counselors, Cloverbud volunteers, clubs, and more will have a chance to show off their programs and encourage others to join.

Have a club that is interested in growing its membership? 4-H kick off is a great advertisement opportunity for your club and it can be a great learning experience for all members. If your 4-H club is interested in reserving a table or would just like to have club flyers set out, please call us at 419-562-8731.

Junior Fair Board Members Needed

If you know any 4-H club members that are 8th Grade and up, who possess leadership qualities, please ask them to consider being a Junior Fair Board Member. For further information, please contact the Extension Office ASAP and we can help them get the process started. The ABSOLUTE last day to apply will be March 2nd, 2015 at 4:30 pm. The next JFB meeting is March 16th at 6:30 pm in the Lower Level Conference room at the Courthouse.

Ohio 4-H Week Window Display Contest

Ohio 4-H week is March 8-14, 2015. Call the Extension Office to be entered into the contest! Displays must be in place by 4:30 pm March 7th and will be judged through March 14th. Please let the Extension office know what window you will be using by March 2nd.

Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th will be provided from the 4-H Advisory Committee and each club will receive \$5.00 for participating.

Volunteers Needed

Club Officer Training will be held on March 30th at Colonel Crawford High School at 7 pm. We are in need of volunteers (can be non 4-H volunteers) to help teach at officer training. Please call the office at 419-562-8731 if you or anyone you know would be willing to teach a section at officer training.

We still need teachers for President/Vice, Secretary, Historian, News Reporter, Health and Safety.

Beef Expo – March 20-22

Ohio Beef Expo Judging Contest- The judging contest is Saturday, March 21. Registration deadline is March 13, with registration permitted after the deadline for double the fee.

Dairy Feeder Tag Day

Tag day for Junior Fair Dairy Calves will be Saturday March 7, 2015. Calves will be tagged at the residence of exhibitor or other specified location by members of the Dairy Feeder Committee. The exhibitor is expected to assist in this unique learning experience. Please contact the OSU Extension office by February 25th, 2015; provide exhibitors name, address, address of calves if different, and the number of calves to be tagged.

Important Dairy Feeder Information:

All accepted purebred dairy breeds and crosses between all accepted dairy breeds will be allowed to show. ABSOLUTELY NO crosses with beef breeds will be allowed.

Exhibitors will have from April 15th – May 15th to have calves castrated, dehorned, vaccinated, and obtain health papers.

2015 Crawford County Junior Fair Theme

“Big or Small There is a Hero in us All”

QA Date Reminder

QA Sessions

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Youth Building, Fairgrounds

Test Out Offered at End of Program

Sunday, April 12, 2015

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Youth Building, Fairgrounds

Test Out Offered at End of Program

Monday, May 11, 2015

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Youth Building, Fairgrounds

Test Out Offered at End of Program

Members who are 12-14 years-old and 15-18 years-old and in 4-H and FFA may test out of their annual quality assurance (QA) program.

Youth ages 12-14 who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program for up to 3 years. Youth ages 15-18 years who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program permanently. These ages are as of January 1, 2015

A Crawford County 4-H or FFA Member CAN NOT attend a QA program from another county or workshop and earn credit. You must attend one session in Crawford Co. or pass QA test out.

2015 Carlot Hog Update

All who exhibited hogs in 2014 will receive a letter regarding the 2015 Carlot Market Hog Project the week of Feb 23rd. There are some changes this year to the program.

The letter will have a tear off registration form. This registration form must be filled out completely and submitted to the OSU Extension office by March 27, 2015.

There will be a total of 60 feeder pigs available for the Carlot project. The registration for this project will be conducted on a **First Come** serve process until all 60 hogs are spoken for.

The Carlot feeder pigs that will be provided from several show pig breeders. The price per feeder pig will be a flat rate of \$150.00.

There will be a maximum of 2 feeder pigs allowed for purchase per eligible exhibitor registered by the deadline.

No registrations will be take over the phone. The form can be emailed, faxed, mailed, or dropped off in person to the OSU Extension Office. All registrations form will be date and time stamped upon submission.

If you know of a new hog exhibitor for 2015, please call the OSU Extension office at 419-562-8731 with their name and address so we can mail the information/registration form to them.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Hog Committee.

4-H Enrollment Procedure

Age Requirements:

Members must have reached the age of five years old and be enrolled in Kindergarten as of January 1st of 2015. Youth can participate in the Cloverbud program through the second grade.

4-H Member Project Club (traditional member) must be eight years old as of January 1, 2015 and be in the third grade, and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1, 2015 .

A county enrollment fee will be \$12.00 per member including Cloverbuds. 4-H Advisory Committee will pay \$3.00 per 4-H member and Cloverbud to help offset the increase. They are able to be so generous because of your support of fund raisers and club work in lunch stand. **This means your club will pay \$9.00 for Traditional and Cloverbud members to OSU Extension Office.**

Enrollment forms are due to the Extension Office by April 1st.

Any forms submitted between April 2nd and April 15th will be charged a late fee of \$5.00 in addition to the \$9.00 portion of the membership fee for Traditional and Cloverbud members.

Youth joining 4-H after April 15th deadline will NOT be permitted to exhibit at the fair and will NOT be placed on the club lists submitted to the Senior Fair Board for discounted fair passes, but will still be assessed the \$9 portion of enrollment fees plus \$5 late fee.

Junior Fair Livestock Sale Update

Over All Champion and Reserve will sell at the beginning of each category in order of sale schedule

- o Champions will be in ring for sale
- o A picture area will be established away from auction ring for champion pictures

Exhibitors are allowed a maximum of (1) one premium sale per category for a maximum of (3) three individual sales.

- o Base bid sales are not limited to premium sales. An exhibitor can sell as many animals shown for the base bid
- o Champion and Reserve Over All must sell and will not count against total premium sales
- o Gallon of Milk and Llamas will continue to be a group sales and count as (1) one of your maximum (3) three premium sale trips.
- o Exhibitors taking Poultry Projects: Broilers, Roasters, and Turkeys are allowed (1) one total premium sale excluding champions.
- o Exhibitors choosing to complete a premium bid sale must designate an animal to that sale for base bid.
- o Exhibitor sale order per category will be determined by each committee independently.

2015 Sale order has been revised and compared below

- Sale order will rotate yearly with 1st category moving to last the following year.

Sale Order by Category 2015

Dairy Feeders
Rabbits
Goats
Lambs
Hogs
Llamas/Alpacas
Steers
Beef Feeders
Poultry
Milk

A representative from the Crawford County Livestock Committee is tentatively planning on attending the Quality Assurance Meetings to answer any questions regarding sale.

Project Book Release Dates

Anticipated release dates for the remaining 2015 project books. Here's what is planned:

150 Poultry Project and Record Book, March 2

461 Let's Bake Quick Breads, February 23

498 Quilting the Best Better, February 23

500 Science Fun with Physics, February 16

507 Robotics with EV3, March 2

As soon as we are notified they are available to order, it will take approximately 7 to 10 business days to arrive.

4-H Project Central



Please take a moment to tell your project books how you really feel!

Visit projectcentral.ohio4h.org to rate your project books. While you're there, take a moment to review other projects that might steal your heart.

Ohio State Fair Food and Nutrition Judging Changes for 2015

New for 2015, junior and senior division awards have been added to each of the intermediate and beginner skill level classes/projects. The intent of these revisions is to recognize that senior division age members with beginning skills can also demonstrate their excellence at Ohio State Fair Food and Nutrition Days.

This change allows more Ohio youth to have the experience of taking food and nutrition projects, regardless of their age and skill level, and still be able to compete fairly for recognition. Previously, the rules permitted any age 4-H member to participate in judging for any given class/project. However, if the member was out of the age-range specified for the class/project, she or he was not eligible for the clock trophy.

The State Fair Food and Nutrition team wants to offer those older youth members the opportunity to take a project, be able to complete at the state level to demonstrate the knowledge and skills gained, AND be eligible for recognition with a clock trophy. That opportunity best occurs in a class for those senior division (ages 14-18) members, and not in direct competition with junior division (ages 8-13) members. For example, a 16 year old will not be in direct competition with an 8 or 9 year old.

Again, we recognize there are many "older" 4-H members (e.g., 16 year olds) who have never taken a food and nutrition project, but find they want to learn to cook by taking a beginning-level project.

New State Dog Rules

The following State Dog Rules/Information is now posted at: <http://www.4hansci.osu.edu/companion/companionResources.php>.

- State Fair Dog Show Rule Changes
- Agility Rules and Scribe Sheets
- Showmanship Rules and Score Sheets
- Obedience Rules and Score Sheets
- Rally Rules and Score Sheets
- Drill Team and Canine Freestyle Rules and Score Sheets
- You and Your Dog, Assistance Dogs, and 4-H PetPALS Rules and Score Sheets
- Poster Contest, Skillathon, and Scholarship Rules and Poster Score Sheet
- Showmanship and You and Your Dog Question Banks - Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors
- Dog Show Entry and Class Schedule-Updated 02.18.15 with Rally Novice C classes

Horse Member Opportunities

Ranch Horse Pleasure! What does the judge look for? Want some tips and tricks to perform better? Join Jennifer Moshier (4-H Judge, clinician, State 4-H Horse Committee member) in **a clinic at the Ross County Fairgrounds Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 12:00 pm** to find out more! Limited to the first 12 riders- \$35/person. Registration deadline is April 9th. To register, contact: Lisa Bair 740-703-8428 or lisambair@gmail.com or Julie Oates 740-703-1077 or jeweyoates@gmail.com.

Harness Horse Youth Foundation Presents Interactive Youth Program at Scioto Downs

Area youth can learn to drive a horse when the Harness Horse Youth presents a one-day harness horsemanship program at Scioto Downs on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The program is open to children age 11 and up, but an application must be filled out and sent to the organization. Applications are posted at <http://www.hhyf.org/schedule-applications>. The program fee is \$25, which includes lunch and all camp materials. Application deadline is May 15, 2015.

Participants will work hands-on with the HHYF's stable of Trottingbred horses, a smaller version of the pacers and trotters that race at Scioto Downs. Among the topics to be covered are care and grooming, equipment, harness racing history and equine careers. Each student will get the chance to drive a horse, assisted by a licensed trainer or driver. The program is one of dozens across the country being conducted by HHYF this summer. For questions, please e-mail HHYF Executive Director Ellen Taylor at ellen@hhyf.org or call her at 317-867-5877.

Upcoming 4-H Dates:

February

25 Senior Fair Board Meeting – Sec. Office, Fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m.

March

1 State 4-H Horse Bowl: Registration due to Kim Cole

3 4-H Advisory Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m., LL Conference Rm., Courthouse

5 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30 p.m.-LL Conference Room, Court House

7 Dairy Beef Tagging - Crawford Co. Fair

8 Suggested Hatch Week for Turkeys

8 Pullets & Water Fowl

8 4-H Kick Off - Informational Meeting 2-4 p.m. in Youth Building at Fairgrounds

8-14 OHIO 4 H WEEK (Club Window Displays up 3/7 by 4:00 pm)

9 Cloverbud Volunteer Training — 6:30 p.m.-8:30 pm – LL Conf. Rm.

11 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 7:00 -9:00 pm – LL Conf. Rm.

14 Ohio 4-H Conference (Teens/adults)

16 Jr. Fair Bd- 7:00 p.m. – LL Conf. Rm.

18 Livestock Committee – 7:00 p.m., LL Conference Rm., Court House

24 Camp Counselors 6:30-8:30 p.m.- Lower Level, Conference Room

20 Registration due for Ohio Shooting Sports Instructor Train on May 1-3

20-22 OHIO BEEF EXPO@ Ohio Expo Center Youth Show on the 17th

22 OHIO BEEF EXPO - Judging Contest (Jr. & Sr. Youth Divisions) - Ohio Expo Center

28 4-H Youth Poultry Clinic – Fisher Auditorium in Wooster

25 Senior Fair Board Meeting – Sec. Office, Fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m

26 Planning Team for Cloverbud FUN Day, All Volunteers WELCOME, 6:00 p.m.

28 State Horse Bowl

30 Officer/ Advisor Training @ Col. Crawford High School, 7:00 p.m.



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