4-H'ers, Volunteers, Parents and Supporters,

I would like to give a big thank you to all of our 4-H volunteers, judges, Jr. Fair Board members and Jr. Fair Royalty, 4-H members, parents, family and friends for helping to make the 2015 Clermont County Fair a reality! It takes all of you to make the fair a success.

Congratulations to all of our county and state fair exhibitors! I commend you on your hard work and sportsmanship. Keep up the good work!

This video shows some of the highlights events leading up to and during fair week for OSU Extension…right click and select open hyperlink to view video.

Sincerely,
Kelly Royalty
4-H Youth Development Educator
OSU Extension, Clermont County
Click the Links Below (some links may require you to right click and select open hyperlink)

1. Achievement Award Application
   A 4-H Achievement Award is an award that recognizes 4-H members, at least 8 years old and in 3rd grade to age 18, for his/her involvement in the Clermont County 4-H Program. Members earn points for their participation in 4-H club, county, district, state, national and international event and activities. Any application that does not provide the requested information or does not have all of the proper signatures will not be considered. Please submit only one application per person. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16 to the Extension Office.

2. Honor Club Application
   Honor club is the highest standard of excellence that a 4-H club can achieve in Clermont County. There are 13 requirements that are mandatory. Additionally, clubs must meet 15 of the 32 non-mandatory requirements. Clubs must Honor club applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16.

3. Member and Volunteer Pin Order Forms
   Member and volunteer pin order forms are also available. Clubs will be responsible for the cost of all member pins. The Clermont County 4-H Committee will pay for the pins of adults who attend the 4-H Volunteer Dinner of Friday, November 20. Pin order forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, October 16. Payment is due with the order form. To allow enough time for order shipment, no late orders will be accepted.

4. Officer Book and Club Scrapbook Competition
   Club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Reporter, Health Officer, Safety Officer, Community Service Officer Historian and Recreation Leader) are encouraged to submit officer books and club scrapbooks for judging.

   Books will be judged on content, neatness, presentation/construction and creativity. Books must be current and submitted to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16.

5. Celebrate National 4-H Week with a Club Display
   Celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10 by participating in a club display competition.

   Clubs are encouraged to create a display in the window of a local business, inside their school or local library that promotes their 4-H club. Clubs are responsible for securing a location for their display. As soon as the theme for this year is announced, additional information will be sent.

   Displays will be judged on the theme (25%), use of color and neatness (25%)
originality (25%) and use of 4-H emblem or pledge and OSUE logo (25%). The new OSU logo can be found here.

Awards will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place displays. Please contact the Extension Office by Thursday, October 1 with the location of your display.

6. Support 4-H Through the Paper Clover Campaign at TSC
   The Fall Paper Clover Campaign will be October 7-18, 2015. You can support your local 4-H program by donating $1 at checkout at either the Batavia or Loveland Tractor Supply Company stores.

   Clubs are also invited to set up a display at either of the store locations. Members can display projects, bring animals, give demonstrations or help customers carry their purchases to their cars. This is a great opportunity to show community members what you club is doing and recruit new members!

   Please contact Kelly Royalty at royalty.9@osu.edu to learn more about how your club can participate.

7. Save the Date!
   All 4-H volunteers are invited to attend the 4-H Volunteer Dinner on Friday, November 20. The event is hosted by the Clermont County 4-H Committee to honor the hard work and dedication of our 4-H volunteers. The 4-H Hall will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are free of charge, guests are $10 each. A formal invitation will follow.

8. Thank You Notes
   Please remember to send a thank you note to your trophy sponsor(s) and livestock buyers. If you need an address, please contact the Extension Office. Click the link above for a useful resource on how to write a thank you note.
Country Kids Invite You to Meet Steve and LeeRoy at Pine Lane Farm
Submitted by: Jen Walden, Country Kids

The Country Kids 4-H Club invites you to meet Steve and LeeRoy while they are passing through Cincinnati! Scott Wescott is walking from Needle to Square (Seattle to New York City) with his goat, LeeRoy to raise awareness and funds for a children’s project in Nairobi, Kenya. Pine Lane Farm will be visiting on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Date: Sunday, August 30, 2015
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Pine Lane Farm, 5057 State Route 133, Batavia, Ohio 45103
Questions: Jenifer Walden at (513) 505-0509

Visit www.needle2square.com for more information.

Ruff 'N Stuff 4-H Members Practice the 4-H Motto
Submitted by: Brenda Bayne, Ruff 'N Stuff

The 4-H Motto is “To Make the Best Better”! Ruff’N Stuff 4-H Club is living the 4-H motto. The Club donated show table sawhorses and a fancy bulletin board to the Clermont County Rabbit Barn.

Last year, Brian Finch, 2014 Rabbit Barn Consultant mentioned that he wanted to replace the ugly plastic blue barrels that were used to hold up the show table tops. “I ran with the idea”, explained Brenda Bayne, Head Advisor of Ruff’N Stuff. “We are always looking for ways to improve the Rabbit Barn. It’s our home during Clermont Fair Week! I looked into buying the sawhorses but didn’t see any I liked, so I started looking for plans to make them. I have an engineering degree so it wasn’t a farfetched idea! I grew up in my dad’s workshop.” Brenda put together a proposal and took it to Home Depot. “They are so nice! Home Depot donated all the materials for the 4 sawhorses and I started working on them in November of 2014.” By May of 2015, they were built and Ruff’N Stuff members, Ben Bayne & Grace Porter painted them.

Club members also voted to donate a Bulletin Board that has half corkboard and half dry erase. The board is used to write rabbit information such as show times and let rabbit kids post information on selling their rabbits/equipment.

An extra bonus was that the Carrot Crunchers 4-H Club put new coverings on the show
tables! Bonnie Bogart, head advisor, said “the old covering was 30 years old!” The final result was that the show tables looked fabulous for the 2015 Clermont County Fair!

For 2016, we will be looking for new ideas! Ruff’N Stuff 4-H Club also had a t-shirt fundraiser for the Rabbit Barn! “It was a great way to unite all the 4-H rabbit kids & raise money at the same time”, said Brenda Bayne. “We raised approximately $400 for improvements!” Maria Harp, 2015 Rabbit Barn Consultant, will be busy thinking about improvement ideas for 2016!

New rabbit show table and bulliten board in the rabbit barn.

Ruff ‘N Stuff 4-H Club Volunteers at Matthew 25: Ministries
Submitted by: Brenda Bayne, Ruff ‘N Stuff

Saturday, March 7th, Ruff’N Stuff members of a 4-H Club Matthew 25: was Ruff’N row to volunteer. Matthew 25. It is our community children in the Batavia, Milford, Miami & Township, 18 years old and contribute their is celebrating their 12th year anniversary!

This year, we were put personal care items in baggies. There were about 10 different
items and the kids went to each box and took an item to place in a final bag. “The adults had a hard time keeping up with the kids”, said Brenda Bayne, head advisor of Ruff’N Stuff. “We put together 910 bags! These kids are hard workers, I’m so proud of them and love bringing our club here!”

Matthew 25: Ministries is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization that operates by rescuing and reusing products from major corporations, manufacturers, hospitals, and individuals. With help of their volunteers, Matthew 25: Ministries provides basic necessities, skill development, and disaster relief across the U.S. and worldwide. For more information on Matthew 25: Ministries visit www.m25.org.