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Looking Ahead: April

Committee Happenings

**Advocacy** successfully arranged for 10 legislators and their guests to attend the Ohio 4-H Conference!

**Communications** has officially launched our blog, *The Voice of TLC!* Check out the link below! If you haven’t sent in your member biography or photo, please do that ASAP!

www.ohio4htlc.wixsite.com/thelocalvoice

**Community Service** successfully facilitated a community service project at the Franklin County Walk n’ Serve on April 7! Great job!

**Fundraising** had great success in selling t-shirts at Ohio 4-H Conference in March!

**Morale** is busy planning games and fun activities for our next meeting!

**Social Media** has started a Pinterest account!

www.pinterest.com/ohio4htlc

**State Outreach** is currently working hard to build connections with other state 4-H groups!

Updates & Announcements

Members are reminded to vote by April 22 for the TLC summer activity, which will take place on June 15. Members will meet at the 4-H Center to then go to the Ronald McDonald House, where we will prepare and serve lunch. From there, members will attend a group lunch, and then attend a social activity. Social activity options include the following:

- Canoe Trip (Approx. $16)
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park (Approx. $24)

*Please see Hannah’s email to find the link to vote for which option you would prefer.*

**TLC Officer applications are due May 1, 2018.** Points to note:

- Late applications will not be accepted. In-person interviews will be held Saturday, May 19 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. The first interview will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- Those who apply must:
  - Be in at least their 2nd year on TLC the year they would serve as an officer
  - Have 75% or greater attendance in meetings and events (with no more than one unexcused absence).
  - Be in regular communication (such as responding to emails and other requests) with the President, Advisors, and Committee Chairs (if on committees).
  - Have followed through on their TLC tasks and responsibilities.

*TLC Members representing Ohio while on Capitol Hill for National 4-H Conference*
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Thanks to 4-H, Olivia has learned to properly care for animals and leadership skills; moreover, she considers her proudest 4-H accomplishment to be placing well with all the animals that she raises. Olivia also considers making friends and working together with others as some of her favorite parts of 4-H.

4-H has also played a role in what she would like to do later on in life: “My career goals are to be a nurse and learn and help as much as I can. 4-H has helped me learn how to help others and leadership skills which will help me help others in my career I want to obtain.”

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Member Biographies

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Molly H.

Molly H. is a committee member on State Outreach this year. Molly is a 12 year 4-H member from Darke county. This year on TLC, Molly hopes “to network around the state and the country to learn new ways to improve Ohio 4-H. I would also like to advertise state programs to younger 4-Hers to ensure we leave a smooth transitional path for others to follow in our legacy.”

Molly got her start in 4-H in second grade when she joined as a cloverbud with other friends from her church. Since joining, Molly has become involved with Camp Counseling, CARTEENS, Jr. Fair Board, Darke County and 4-H Committee. She has taken numerous general 4-H project specializing in leadership and creative arts. She is involved in many state level programs such as helping with the Ohio State Fair Booth, Ohio 4-H Health Heroes, Ohio Military Kids, Project book author, and being a 4-H Educational Assistant.

The highlight of Molly’s 4-H career was presenting Senator Portman with an Ohio 4-H pin on the steps of the Capitol Building during CWF and being crowned the 2016 Drake County Junior Fair Queen. Molly was also named the Ohio 4-H Teen of the Year this year!

Molly loves seeing first year members receive their first ribbon because it reminds her of her passion for 4-H. Did you know Molly traveled to Poland and Germany one summer to study religious cultures?

Molly is currently studying earth sciences with a minor in community leadership 4-H Education. She hopes to work at the national level to create curriculum around STEM to give young women the tools they need to become more of a presence in the STEM world. She hopes to achieve these plans and become a researcher at the Smithsonian Institute and eventually become the United States Secretary of the Interior.

4-H Facts

Congratulations to our nine delegates who represented Ohio 4-H at National 4-H Conference April 7 through April 12!

Check out some fun facts about National 4-H Conference!

- The National 4-H Conference experience started in 1927, first known as the “National 4-H Club Camp”
- During the first National 4-H Conference, delegates slept in tents on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the USDA in Washington, DC.
- There are currently 16 roundtable topics at National 4-H Conference
- In 1958, the conference name was changed to National 4-H Conference
- In 1959, the conference location moved from the National Mall to the newly founded National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD (right outside of Washington, D.C.).
**Maddie H.**
Welcome Maddie H., Maddie is an 8 year 4-H member from Clermont County who serves on the Morale committee. She hopes to gain knowledge and strong confidence from other leaders, members, and people on the outside looking in by serving on TLC. She wants to gain learning experiences unlike any other.

She followed in her parents and grandparents footsteps by joining 4-H very young and since then has become involved in Camp Counseling, CARTEENS, and Jr. Fair Board. Some of her favorite memories are helping younger 4-H members in her county prepare for fair. She likes to put forth effort and unexpected time to make a difference in someone else’s life. After schooling, she hopes to be an Agriculture Educator. After seeing her county’s Agriculture Educator and her work, Maddie became really interested and wants to conduct work like that. 4-H programs and advisors have shaped passions now, and impacted her dreams for her future.

**Rachel H.**
Rachel H. is a 10 year 4-H member from Muskingum county. She is a committee member on the community service committee, as well as serving on the conference luncheon Ad Hoc committee. She hopes to gain new experiences and leadership skill by being on TLC.

Rachel got her start in 4-H when her cousins invited her to join their club. At county level she takes turkeys, market goats, cake decorating, camp counselor, club leadership 2, and photographer 3. She also is a camp counselor, Jr. Fair board member, CARTEENs volunteer, and Junior Leader. Her favorite 4-H memory is meeting new friends at State Leadership camp in 2016. The most important lesson she has learned through 4-H is community service betters you as a person. Her proudest moment in 4-H was getting to be first alternate for State Poultry Achievement Award. Her favorite part of 4-H is meeting new people and attaining new friendships. Rachel’s career goal is to study Biochemistry at Ohio University.

Rachel's go-to fact about herself: *I am a four sport varsity letterman and in the National Honor Society.*
Rachel B.

Rachel B. from Franklin county has been in 4-H for 8 years and is a member of the Morale committee and the Ohio 4-H Conference Teen Luncheon ad hoc committee. This year, Rachel hopes gain relationships and memories with people from across the state while serving on TLC. Rachel got her start in 4-H because of her mom, who was in 4-H when she was younger. Her mom thought Rachel would enjoy 4-H and enrolled her in a club, now, Rachel says that she got a lot more involved than her mother ever thought she would.

At the county level, Rachel is involved in Jr. Fair Board and Camp Counseling; in addition, she takes projects on Sheep, cooking, leadership, drug and alcohol abuse, rabbits, and vet science. Her favorite 4-H memory had to do with her competing in the Showman of Showman contest: “I had so much fun being with the other contestants and I loved showing all of the animals.” Also, her proudest 4-H accomplishment was when she won the “I Dare You” award for her county. Rachel loves just being able to see everyone she knows through 4-H and having a great time with them (her favorite thing about 4-H), and says that 4-H has taught her to always end on a good note.

Rachel isn’t sure what she wants to do professionally, but says that it will either deal with math or sheep, “I am either going to do something with animal science or math. I just really like math but 4-H did interest me in animal science. I started showing sheep in 4th grade. My family was really apprehensive about it and they thought it was just a phase or something. It has turned into my favorite project and on that I really enjoy doing.”

Rachel’s go-to fact about herself: “I am on my school’s rowing team”
Rachel's favorite TV show as a kid: “Dora”

Mickalia A.

Mickalia A. is a 13 year 4-H member of Columbiana county. She is a committee member serving on the fundraising committee. At county level, she is a camp counselor, Jr. Fair board member and junior leader as well as part of the Ohio 4-H Health Heroes at the state level. She hopes to learn new things by being a TLC member.

Mickalia shares joining 4-H is family thing, she takes everything but sheep, market goat, and horse projects. Her favorite 4-H memory is 4-H camp, “a place to call home, and a place to make remarkable memories”. The most important lesson she has learned from 4-H is friends become family. Her proudest moment is getting to be a role model for others. Her favorite part about 4-H is getting to see everyone smile. Mickalia’s career goal is to be a chiropractor.

Mickalia’s go-to fact about herself: I have a twin.
Kayla K.

Hi guys! I’m Kayla K. and I am a ten-year 4-H’er from Delaware County. This is my second year on TLC and I am currently serving as the Communications Committee Chair (which is why my biography is in first person ;D). On TLC this year, I hope to gain a newfound sense of connection and unity amongst my peers. I also hope to improve my small-group leadership skills and market the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council in a more interpersonal way through our blog site.

I got my start in 4-H when my mother forced me into 4-H when I was about seven years old; not going to lie, my seven-year-old-self hated 4-H, but my mother wanted me to stay in it until I at least had one year under my belt as an actual member, rather than a cloverbud. My mother had always talked about how much she loved 4-H, so I stuck with 4-H until I experienced that same phenomena. It took me a little bit of time, but I found my niche within 4-H: not the projects, but the personal development cultivated through learning experiences, leadership, and community service. Thanks to my mother, I developed my own ardent love for 4-H. <3

At the county level, I am involved with our Fair Royalty, where I was the 2017 Jr. Princess. Each year, I try to find a new project area to try, so I’ve taken a variety of projects, but my main project foci have been Food & Nutrition and Leadership.

I really don’t have one singular favorite 4-H memory; rather, I have a favorite collection of 4-H memories that write out my “4-H journey of self-discovery,” as I usually call it in essays & short-response questions. The most exciting part of my 4-H narrative started with the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Camp, which put me on one of the best paths in my life. I originally didn’t know if I was going to go to leadership camp, I applied to go to Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) and didn’t receive the delegation but received the delegation to attend leadership camp instead. Losing the delegation for CWF was the best thing that ever happened to me because my entire outlook on 4-H, leadership, and connection changed after I went to Leadership Camp. For me, Leadership Camp was the first domino, the spark, or the spring board, that has gotten me to where I am today. I came home and my passion for making my club, community, country, and my world a better place, was reignited – I was on fire with passion for 4-H.

Through 4-H, I also realized that you’re only in love with the idea of the view at the peak of the mountain (in 4-H: the ribbons and awards), you’re missing the point of climbing the mountain.

4-H has taught me numerous important lessons about leadership and connecting with others, but I think the most important life-lesson 4-H has taught me has to do with finding something you love for the sheer challenge of it. For the past 10 years of my life, 4-H has been my “mountain,” which represents a challenge of some sort; for me, that challenge has been developing into the leader and young adult I need to be to succeed in the world. 4-H has been the mountain that I chose because I was in love with the climb, with the challenge of being better than I was yesterday. Through 4-H, I realized that if you’re only in love with the idea of the view at the peak of the mountain (in 4-H: the ribbons and awards), you’re missing the point of climbing the mountain.

Following graduation, I will be attending *the* Ohio State University, majoring in International Development Studies with a double minor in Judicial Politics and Statistics. I want to be a specialist for the UN in international law, specializing in international refugee policy. 4-H helped provide me with the drive to pursue my wildest and sometimes scariest dreams.
Spencer B.

Spencer B., from Adams county, has been in 4-H for 12 years and is currently the Community Service Committee Chair and a member of the Ohio State Fair Booth ad hoc committee. Spencer is also involved with volunteering with Ohio Military Kids and teaching multiple workshops and sessions at 4-H Conference. He has many hopes for TLC this year, saying, “This year, I hope to continue providing leadership to Teen Leadership Council and Ohio 4-H while improving my abilities in public speaking, event planning and organization, and effective leadership. As Community Service Committee chair, I know that my skills will be put to good use through making a positive impact on the world.”

Spencer got his start in 4-H after eagerly waiting 3 years as a Cloverbud to become a project-taking member. His first year in 4-H, he wanted to take 11 projects, but his parents limited him to 5. His ambition and desire to learn caused him to develop a love for 4-H and allowed him to continue to be active in the program for all of his eligible years. Now, he is involved with Camp Counseling, Jr. Fair Board, Junior Leaders, and 4-H Tech Wizards at the county level; moreover, he has taken a wide variety of projects in the areas of STEM, Food and Nutrition, Animal Sciences, Natural Resources, Leadership, Creative Arts, Shooting Sports, Healthy Living, Crop Science, Clothing, and Self-Determined. He has completed 47 different project titles!

His favorite 4-H memory is from attending the National 4-H Youth Maker and STEM Summit with a few very influential people from his county 4-H program. In addition, his proudest 4-H accomplishment was winning the Clock trophy for his Global Gourmet project, when previously he had only received Outstanding of the Day awards. Spencer was also inducted into the 4-H Teen Hall of Fame this year!

Spencer says that his favorite thing about 4-H is the opportunities, “My favorite part about 4-H is all of the opportunities it provides. 4-H allows youth to learn about anything they desire, travel to a vast variety of places, and make lasting connections with others.”

In addition, 4-H has taught Spencer “to not give up on anything. If there is something I truly desire, I will find a way to persevere and succeed.”

**Spencer’s go-to fact about himself:** “I have a pet hedgehog.”

**Spencer’s favorite TV Show as a kid:** “Foster’s Home for Imaginary Friends”

Warm & Fuzzies

**Fundraising Committee**
Shout out to the fundraising committee and others that worked the T-Shirt booth at O4HC for their hard work! – Trevor M.

**Natalee B.**
Happy belated birthday Nat love you❤ – Bethany A.

**Noor A.**
You’re fantastic darling! You have given so much to the 4-H community and never fail to amaze me. – Lindsey B.

**Carson F.**
Everything you do for 4-H is greatly appreciated! You deserve all the recognition in the world! – Lindsey B.

**Communications Committee & Kayla K.**
The Voice of TLC looks absolutely incredible! All your hard work and dedication can be seen through the beautiful website! Keep up the great work! – Cecilia M.

**Luncheon Committee**
I am so proud of everything we accomplished at the conference. It was a really amazing luncheon, and I was honored to work with you all. The luncheon went so smoothly, and I received a lot of compliments! Thank you for such a great experience. – Laura W.

**State Achievement Award Winners**
Congratulations!! We are so very proud of all of you! – Ohio 4-H TLC
Kira M.

Kira M. is an 11 year 4-H member from Jackson county. Kira serves as the Advocacy committee chair. On TLC she hopes to get more teens involved in programs at the state level and really show them 4-H has more than agricultural programs to offer. She began 4-H by growing up helping on her uncle’s farm. When her friends joined 4-H she knew it would be a perfect fit and has been passionate about agriculture ever since. Growing in 4-H, Kira has become involved in Camp Counseling, Jr. Fair Board, Junior Leaders, 4-H promo team, Livestock Committee, and Advisory Council. She shows market goats.

Kira’s favorite 4-H memory is “helping out the younger kids in the barn every year and giving them tips and tricks, because before I know it they will be the ones giving the younger kids the same help.” 4-H has taught Kira hard work, determination, and leadership. Kira was the youngest serving queen when she served as the 2015 Jackson County Fair Queen. Kira loves the fair and hanging out with all of her friends in the barns and getting animals ready for shows. After high school Kira hopes to become an Extension Educator or Lobbyist to feel involved in agriculture.

Samantha M.

Samantha M. is a 12 year 4-H member of Muskingum county. She is a committee member on the communications committee. At the county level she is a camp counselor, Jr. Fair Board member, CARTEENs volunteer, and Junior Leader. She got her start in 4-H when her parents started a club as a cloverbud. She takes a wide variety of still projects, market lambs, pygmy goats, and poultry projects. She hopes to gain new leadership skills as well as more lifelong friendships by being a TLC member.

Samantha shares her favorite 4-H memory, “My favorite 4-H memory is at Walmart, I was getting some school supplies and all of the sudden I heard someone screaming my name. I turned around to find one of my campers. It amazed me how much of an impact I had on her at camp and how much of a difference I had made.” The most important lesson she’s learned through 4-H is what it means to be a leader. Her proudest 4-H accomplishment is getting an outstanding of the day with her public speaking project, “when I first joined 4-H I couldn’t even say my name in front of a group of people, now I can talk in any situation”. Her favorite part of 4-H is getting to make an impact in others lives. Samantha’s Career goals is to be a nurse anesthesiologist, 4-H has helped her realize her passion for helping others.